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IGFA ADDS 2 LB. LINE CLASS TO FRESHWATER WORLD RECORD CATEGORIES

The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) has announced the establishment of a new 1 kg (2 lb) line class category for Freshwater World Records EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THIS NEW LINE CLASS IS OPEN FOR ALL FRESHWATER SPECIES INCLUDED IN THE IGFA RECORD KEEPING SYSTEM.

According to IGFA President E.K. Harry, the decision to introduce a 1 kg line class category was prompted by the increasing interest in the Association's new freshwater record-keeping programs and the growing enthusiasm for light tackle fishing. "Also influencing this decision," said Harry, "is the number of small fish that are now included in our record keeping program, along with species currently being considered for inclusion on the record lists."

As with all other line classes established by IGFA, the samples of line submitted with world record applications will be tested in accordance with metric line class designations. Thus, lines submitted for the 1 kg (2 lb) record category may test up to 2.20 lbs.—the U.S. Customary equivalent of 1 kg. Any lines testing over 2.20 lbs. will be considered in the 2 kg (4 lb) line class category.

When submitting a record claim, anglers must designate the breaking strength of the line indicated by the manufacturer on the label. Any lines manufactured to comply with the 2 kg (4 lb) line class, but that test within the 1 kg (2 lb) range will not be considered in the lower category.

The IGFA, which has been maintaining world saltwater sport fishing records for over 40 years, entered the field of freshwater record keeping when **Field & Stream** magazine transferred its all-tackle records to the Association in 1978.

At the end of 1979, IGFA announced the establishment of line class and fly fishing record categories for freshwater species. These records, published for the first time in IGFA's 1981 Edition of their annual **World Record Game Fishes** book, are the results of a special fishing contest sponsored by IGFA during 1980, as well as records submitted to the Association for review through agreements with the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and **Field & Stream.**

IGFA currently maintains records for over 70 freshwater species in 10 line class and 5 tippet class categories as well as the all-tackle category for the largest fish of each species. Complete record rules and require-

ments are available from: IGFA, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

STREN "450 SURF CLUB"

A prestigious new saltwater fishing club has been created for the most skilled surf anglers in the U.S. by the tackle industry's leading fishing line manufacturer.

The DuPont Company, maker of "Stren" fishing line, has founded the "Stren" 450 Club to recognize surf fishermen who demonstrate prowess to cast 450 ft. The club will be operated for DuPont Stren under the direction of Ken Lauer, an outdoor writer and broadcaster who is one of the nation's leading authorities on surf fishing.

"Our idea is that surf fishing requires some unusual skills, and the time has come to recognize fishermen with those skills," Lauer told writers attending the 54th annual conference of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA).

"The key to good casting and successful surf fishing is an ability to get the bait out where the fish are," said Lauer. "Presenting the bait to them correctly requires skill in handling the rod and reel. We want to recognize fishermen who have demonstrated proficiency in doing this."

Although Lauer gave writers a preview of the "Stren" 450 Club here, the first public cast-off for the tourney will be at the Nag's Head Surf Fishing Tournament October 7-10, 1981. The second major cast-off to qualify for membership will be November 4-7 in connection with the Cape Hatteras Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, the largest surf fishing tournament on the Eastern Seaboard.

Lauer estimated that as many as two million anglers participate in surf fishing.

Earning membership in this exclusive "Stren" 450 Club will not be an empty honor. In addition to a special yellow and black club patch, a 2400 yard spool of line and a "Stren" jacket and cap, members will receive a Fenwick 9 ft. surf spinning rod, a Fenwick tackle box, a Pflueger saltwater spinning reel, a Rapala knife, two new Normark saltwater lures and other awards.

Qualification for membership will be accomplished under the direction of Lauer, with each angler having three warm-up casts and three qualification casts. An 11 ft. Fenwick graphite rod with a Pflueger spinning reel with 12 lb. test "Stren" fishing line will be the official tackle. Thirty pound test shock leader will be used with a four ounce sinker. The tests will be conducted on a measured field.

Lauer invited surf fishing clubs who want him to conduct qualifying tests in their area to write him at: Ken Lauer, P.O. Box 151, Buxton, NC 27920.

THE LONG ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

A discussion of the whys and wherefores of the environmental movement on Long Island will be the topic at a meeting of the Long Island Environmental Council to be held Wednesday, August 26, 8PM, at the Salisbury Club House, Eisenhower Park (downstairs meeting room), East Meadow, L.I.

The public is invited to attend and take part in the dialogue. Serious volunteers are needed as a vital part of the continuing crusade to protect Long Island's natural resources. For further information, contact George Wilde at (516) SU 5-3139 or write to LIEC, P.O. Box 55, Seaford 11783.

GATEWAY OFFERS FREE SURF FISHING CLINIC

The Breezy Point District of Gateway National Recreation Area is offering a free surf-fishing clinic for beginners. The three-hour class meets Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8AM at the Fort Tilden flagpole. Participants learn the basic skills of surf fishing; the casting technique, knot tying, tackle, bait and local fish species. After learning the basics of surf casting, the group moves down to the beach where they use the skills they have learned to actually try to

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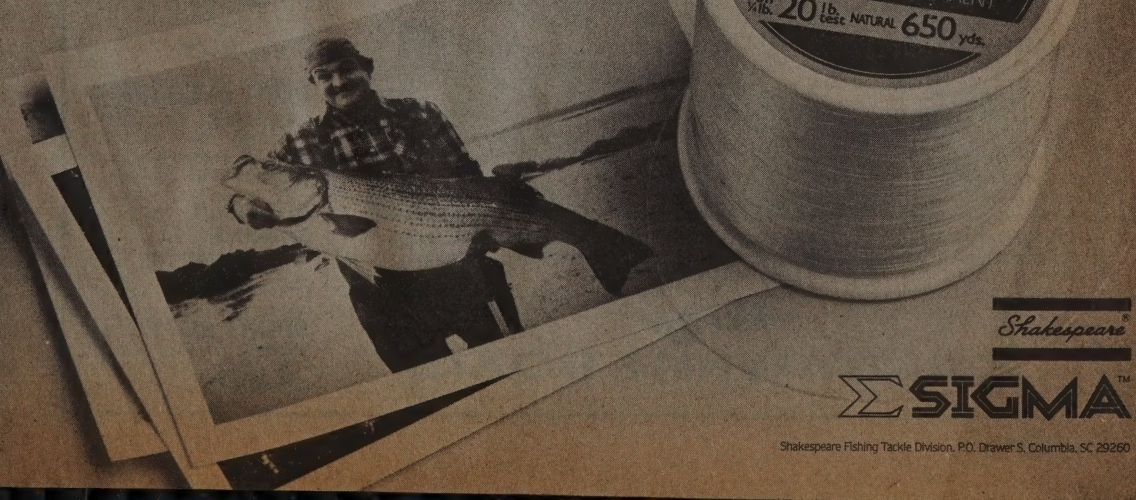

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The Breezy Point District is located at the south end of Flatbush Avenue, just across the Gil Hodges Marine Parkway Bridge. Take the Belt Parkway exit 11S down about one mile to Fort Tilden.

DOG DAY AFTERNOON
by Walter Simson

For the passengers aboard the open boat Capt. Rod on July 24, the catch of the day was no fluke! Actually, it was a small, brown Benji-type dog that was swimming in the middle of Great South Bay just west of the Fire Island Lighthouse.

The open boat Capt. Rod had no sooner signaled "lines up" for return to the Captree dock when suddenly the horn sounded three louds blasts and the engines stopped. Even though it was nearly 3?30 and the day's catch had been worthwhile, many on board thought we might be going for another drift.

The boat's first mate, Danny, busy filleting the flat cargo, knew something was wrong. Then someone shouted "dog overboard" and the dash was on to the starboard bow where Rod had spotted the dog. Now the question was how to rescue it. Passenger Richie Cohen of Plainview quickly reached for the large fluke net and with the help of several other fishermen, managed to net the frightened dog and raise it on board. Mate Molly McGrane wrapped the dog in a towel and brought it inside the cabin.

The dog had on a flea collar, and license tag issued in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As best as anyone could figure, the dog either went for a swim off Fire Island and was carried out by the current, or it fell overboard from a pleasure craft. Another "theory" was that the dog actually swam from Virginia Beach to set a new world's record!

Upon return to Captree, Capt. Rod notified the authorities in hope of locating the dog's owner. Richie Cohen took the dog to his Plainview home to dry out and wait for the owner's claim.

All on board felt Captain Rod should be commended, not only for providing a fine day of fluke fishing, but also for his good-hearted rescue of one of man's best friends.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, August 24 at 1PM, Maurice D. Hinchey, chairman of the Committee on Environmental Conservation will hold a Public Hearing at SUNY, Stony Brook, South Campus, Building F. The hearing will be repeated on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 10AM at the Patchogue Library.

Among the questions to be considered are: 1) Does the DEC have the capability to adequately manage and protect marine fisheries resources? 2) Should a marine fisheries advisory committee be established?

Anyone wishing to make a statement at the hearing should contact Wally John at (518) 455-4386.

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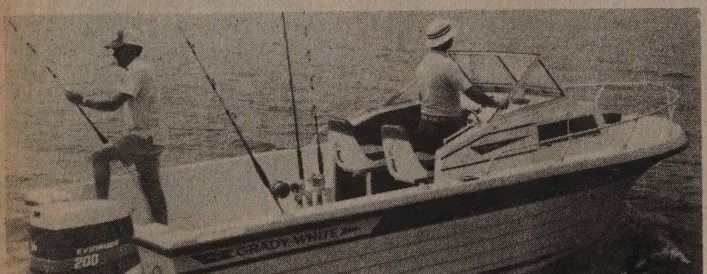

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NATIONAL SCENE

ED MOORE PASSES AWAY

by Al Ristori

His name probably isn't even familiar to most of those reading this column, but it will be remembered fondly by fellows like Matt Ahern—and a good many others who are a bit younger. I must be getting old, because it doesn't seem like very long ago when the New York Journal-American was a big paper and Ed Moore wrote the outdoors column that competed with those in the Daily News, and especially the Daily Mirror—which had the late great Jim Hurley and most of the party boat and fishing station advertising in New York City.

Ed Moore has been out of the limelight for a long time now, but news of his death brought back memories of those days of my youth when the various outdoor writers were my idols.

Ed Moore worked for the Journal-American for 35 years before that old Hearst evening paper folded. Then he was briefly with the World-Journal-Tribune that attempted to consolidate all the troubled newspapers in town before it, too, went down the tubes in 1967. In 1968 Moore moved from Garden City to upstate Clifton, New York in order to work for the State promoting tourism. He retired in 1978 and died at the Albany Medical Center, after a short illness, on August 2nd.

Ed Moore will be remembered by all who met him as both a fine writer and a very nice fellow. In addition to his reputation as a writer, Ed was a "regular guy" in every way and a credit to the profession. It's just a shame that the economics of the newspaper business put him out of the work he loved best in his later years—and took him away from the salt waters he enjoyed most of his life.

IGFA Adds 2 lb. Line Class to Freshwater Records

In a surprising mid-year move, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) had added a two pound line class category to its new freshwater record keeping system. IGFA President Elwood Harry stated that the decision to add the new class was prompted by the increasing interest in IGFA's new freshwater record keeping programs and the growing enthusiasm for light tackle fishing. Many of the freshwater species for which records are kept are quite small (such as the various species of sunfish), and really no challenge on line any heavier.

Anglers will get a break under the new rules as the two pound category will be considered the same as one kilogram. That means that lines can actually over-test to 2.20 lbs. before being pushed into the current 4 lb. classification. Few standard 2 lb. test lines on the market actually will test out that low, but there's more of a chance that they'll make it at 1-kg. It should be noted that the 2 lb. class applies only to freshwater records and is not listed in the 1981 issue of "World Record Game Fishes." Due to the lack of knowledge about this new class in the first year, it should be quite easy for competent light tackle anglers to set records for many freshwater species.

The 1981 edition of "World Record Game Fishes" is available from IGFA for $6.95 postpaid—or you can get the book and many other benefits by signing up as a member for an annual fee of $20. In either case write to International Game Fish Association, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

NWF Calls for Watt To Be Fired

Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt has been under fire from conservation organizations from the time of his nomination. He already had a reputation as a "developer" and had fought some battles against various conservation groups. Ever since his appointment, Watt has been under attack by many of these groups—though some (like the Sierra Club, which actually opposed the 200-Mile limit) had long since lost their credibility with the general public because of their own extreme positions. However, the recent call for Watt's dismissal from the National Wildlife Federation represents a real threat to the Interior Secretary.

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is the most conservative of the national conservation organizations, and its opinions carry great weight in Washington. NWF has 4.5 million members and supporters in all fifty states. Recently they surveyed 4,000 members and found that they had voted for President Reagan over Jimmy Carter by two to one! Yet these same members rejected Watt's position on 10 of 11 current environmental issues.

According to NWF Executive Vice President Dr. Jay D. Hair, the Federation has been holding its fire for several months in the hope that "patience is the best remedy for every trouble." On June 9 Hair met with Watt and asked him to take various actions which the conservation community feels are vital. Yet, Secretary Watt either took no action—or a course of action opposite to what NWF had recommended. As a result, Hair polled representative members and came to the conclusion that there was no hope of working with the current Secretary.

In his letter to President Reagan, Hair said that Watt has "lost the confidence of Americans who are concerned about our environment and the conservation of the natural resources Mr. Watt was appointed to protect." He went on to note that Watt "places a much higher priority on exploitation and development than on conservation ... that while he pays lip service to environmental protection, he is working to undermine or circumvent many of our basic environmental protection laws... [and] that he is inflexible and unresponsive to ideas and entreaties from the conservation movement."

Concluding, Dr. Hair said that he saw no possibility of "rehabilitating" Watt and therefore "removal is the only option we see open to the President. We have reached this conclusion reluctantly—even sadly—because we have no personal animus against Mr. Watt, and we still want to cooperate with the Reagan Administration in bringing about the 'new beginning' for America that the President called for so eloquently in his inaugural address."

Correction

Though long-time readers will note that there has been a hundred-fold improvement in the composition of this magazine over the years, the pressures of putting out a weekly occasionally result in a typo getting through that changes the meaning of a sentence. Usually these oversights are pretty obvious, but readers may have been confused about my piece on the D/J Expansion Bill in the July 23 issue. At the bottom of the first column I noted that if the expansion bill is passed "about $80 a year will be available for distribution to the states." In case that set you to wondering what the fuss was all about, the correct figure should be $80,000,000!

FISH TALK

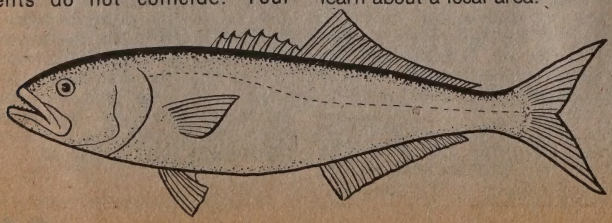
THE LAST OF 1980

by William A. Muller

A PLEASURE! It has indeed been a pleasure for me writing this column. Each year we have received lots of mail from readers and each letter seems to offer something unique and I don't want to hog all these great thoughts, so we share them through the column. This issue contains the last of the mail from 1980 and we hope that Sean Rode, J. Raguso, and Rudolph Gotz hadn't given up on us.

J. RAGUSO OF EAST NORTHPORT WRITES: 'I'd love to see some sort of detailed explanation of a current table as opposed to a tide table. How about a map of the Great South Bay that details good fishing spots that coincide with different times of the tide. I've heard that old-timers go to one spot to catch a certain hour of the tide and then head off to another spot for a different stage of the tide. It seems that this would be a great topic for either Einar Grell or John DeMaio. Next, I read how Doc Grell caught 45 weaks and 54 blues a few years back while trolling at the Sore Thumb. I've trolled there many times only to be harassed by irate surf fishermen who feel that everything within 125 yards of the beach belongs to them. What gives with these yokels? As a surf fisherman you might enlighten me to some of the nuances involved. These jerks ought to be arrested for some of the things they say. If this is what surf fishing is all about, then I'm glad I'm in a boat. How did the famous Doc Grell avoid the tirade? Did he wear armor-plating?'' Mr. Raguso also had a question about some offshore buoys that are best referred by him to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is responsible for our buoy system and if something looks odd they should be able to fill you in neatly.

FIRST ABOUT TIDES AND CURRENTS. In an earlier issue (winter 1981) I wrote an elaborate article about the relationships between tides and currents. The purpose of that article was to explain why tides and currents do not coincide. Your question is a little different. A current table tells when the CURRENT is running at a given location. Most fishermen are more interested in the current than in the tides per se. A fisherman might want an outgoing current and therefore the angler is interested in the tide in that he wants OUTGOING current (that is current that is moving out to sea) but at the latter stages of that current flow the tide may actually be coming in. I know of no such chart being available about where to fish specific spots during specific stages of the current. Most of this information is guarded by local sharpies. Now how can you get this information, which is more to the point of your question? The Long Island Fisherman staff consists of many fishermen with a lot of knowledge about a lot of places, our writers are also experts in certain waters, and the folks who feed us news reports also know their areas. However, no one can know everything. Thus, we attempt to get experts to tell you what they know and that's an important beginning. Our readers are provided with a lot of how-to, where-to, and when-to information, but it is impossible for this information to cover every situation, every place, and every tide; the amount of information is just too expensive and changes too fast. If we concentrated a year's worth of issues on one spot (let's say Jones Inlet), by the time we had covered it in full and were ready to move onto the next spot, the information would be obsolete about Jones Inlet. Many readers ask why article and column topics repeat, and the rate at which information changes is part of the explanation. The best way to learn all this and stay current with your information is to read, listen, and try. Put your time in and don't bounce all over the place. Stay in one area and learn it well. Join a fishing club. The talk and presentations often help to accelerate the pace at which you can learn about a local area.



ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM AT THE SORE THUMB. First of all, if you were trolling close enough to the Thumb to annoy the surf fishermen, then you weren't fishing where Grell got those fish. Now, let's see if you can figure the rest out for yourself with that little bit of advice. If you can, then you're well on your way to becoming a sharpie in that area; if not then it's back to the drawing board. Why do surf fishermen become so annoyed at boat fishermen who come too close. The answer lies in two facts: the sensitivity and courtesy (or lack of it) among fishermen and the behavior of fish. Unlike boat fishing, surf fishing is basically a nighttime affair. This is so because the game fish are very reluctant to move into shallow water in the day for several reasons. One, the water is too shallow, the sun is too bright, and there is too much noise and boat traffic close to shore in the day. At night, when and if it is quiet, the fish will often move into shore where the surf fisherman can get a crack at them. Now, at certain times fish may come close to shore during the day (especially at a place like the Sore Thumb where deeper water is so close), but any noise or commotion will only serve to upset them more.

LACK OF UNDERSTANDING THE TYPE OF FISHING. I have spent a lot of time in boats as well as on the beach, and my time investment in two types of angling has provided me with insights that most people don't have a chance to experience. A boat fisherman can improve the catch by using the slope of the beach into deeper water, the boat fisherman can also get to deep channels and offshore bars. Thus, the smart boat fisherman stays off the beach. There are exceptions. Worm trolling for bass is often done close to shore, but here fishermen will resort to rowing, using very small outboards, and even electric motors to keep down the noise. Dropping an oar during such a mission is a cardinal sin! The beach fisherman is stuck where he is and the boat fisherman needs to respect that. One pass through the shallows by an insensitive boat fisherman is enough to kill the fishing for the tide. If the fishing is turned off, it's off for both the surf rat and the boat nut! Remember that! If a boat fisherman sees surf fishermen taking fish, the thing to do is work beyond them and carefully because even here the water may be

shallow enough to make the fish spooky. If the fish are on the beach, they'll also be a little off the beach because as they feed, they'll back track to deeper water now and then for a little security. Often the fish that are a little off the beach are bigger since bigger fish are less likely to appreciate the shallows. What I'd do, was to quietly anchor up just beyond (or maybe two casts off the beach): quiet is the key, as in shut the motor off and drift to where you want to go and slip the anchor over easy. Then I'd cast towards the beach. Boy can you catch fish this way! Some boat fishermen just don't realize the effect that noise and commotion can have on feeding fish. Take your time like the pros do, set up, and you'll catch fish.

SEAN RODE had questions about saltwater aquaria. "Since I live near Jamaica Bay, can I put some of those fish in my tanks?" Yes, you can, but whether or not they survive will depend upon the species you choose, how you transport them home, and the quality of your tank equipment. For example, stay away from spearing and try killies. Perhaps a small flounder or two, but a snapper blue isn't likely to survive for too long. "Would it be possible to keep a cod in one of my tanks?" Not likely because you'll need a very small one and you're likely to have a whale of a problem getting the fish home. "How about a blackfish?" Yes, small blackfish are easy to get, they are hardy, and they can be rather easily transported. Build a suitable rock pile in the tank so they can maintain their shy habits. "Are The Fisherman jackets available to the public?" No, sorry, just for the staff!

RUDOLPH GOTZ of Daytona Beach, Florida. "I have been a reader of your publication since it first came on the newsstands. I now live in Florida, but I still have my daughter send it to me. I have an unusual request. I have been fishing with a RU-MER reel for 30 years and it's a pet. I need a manual pick-up for it and none of the shops down here have it. Can you help? Do any of your readers have some good advice?" We doubt if a specific part like that is still around. However, you say that the tackle shop in Florida hasn't been able to help you. Okay, but do you visit your daughter on Long Island? If so, why not bring the reel with you on your next trip. Take it to one of our advertisers like Altenkirch's Tackle in Shinnecock. He has a reputation for repairing what many others can't and for knowing who can help when the problem is even too time consuming for him. Perhaps you can adapt a roller made by another company for another model reel to your reel with the help of a skilled craftsman. Good luck and good fishing.

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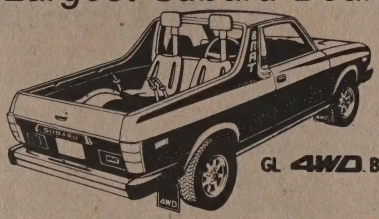

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FLUKE AT THREE INLETS

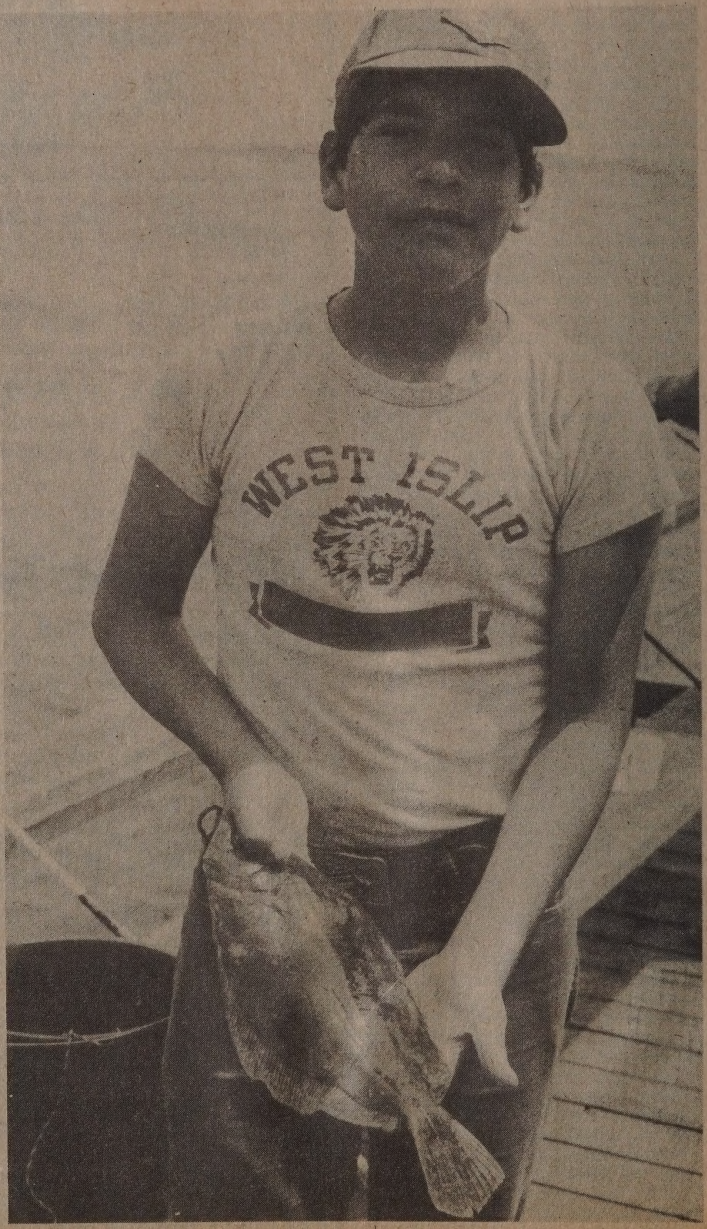
by Gerald Hahn

Fluke are a difficult species to catch from the surf. On the North Shore I catch them by accident, usually when going for porgies. The South Shore is better, but presents another problem because most fluke settle into the middle of the bays, near the channels, and beyond the reach of the shore-bound fisherman. However, the inlets leading to the bays through which migrating fluke must pass, provide good fishing spots. The two migrating periods are in late June and early September; but the summer should not be spent looking for other species. In fact, one of the best fluke days I ever encountered occurred in early August at Shinnecock Inlet. About thirty fishermen caught over 200 fluke in a single tide.

Since that memorable day fluke fishing from the surf has deteriorated considerably. Nevertheless, the angler who puts in time at the inlets will score eventually. Fishing at most of the South Shore inlets requires an eight foot jetty stick or a light 9' surf rod with a matching surf-spinning reel filled with 20 lb. test. Heavy equipment for the 3 to 5 oz. sinkers at these places will hold up against the rough bottom formations and fast currents here. For those who like to scramble along the slippery rock jetties, for example, at Shinnecock Inlet or Moriches Inlet, a pair of fishermen's cleats may spare you some broken ribs.

A good rig for inlet fluke fishing consists of a 2/0 Beak or Claw hook on an 18" leader of 30 lb. test. I prefer these shorter hooks to the long-shanked Carlisle; they are less likely to foul on the bottom. I also prefer a shorter leader than the three-foot lengths commonly used on boats. It is easier to cast with a shorter leader, and with a single hook, as well. Avoid high-low rigs at the inlets. A 6" length of light monofilament for the bank sinker should be connected to the main line by means of a three-way swivel and improved clinch knots. An end loop below secures the sinker so that it hangs about three or four inches beneath the snelled hook, which is slipped through the remaining eye of the swivel. The swivel prevents fouling of the hook on the main line. Moreover, in the event of a hopeless snag, the line will break at the swivel and not at the rod tip, and considerable fishing line will be saved.

There are several baits worth trying at



This sharp young angler took his keeper fluke at Captree on a snapper, which he caught at dawn.

the inlets. Probably the best—for visibility and durability—is a strip of squid. That day at Shinnecock, everyone was using squid. The strip should be cut into a long pennant shape, about 1/2'' wide by 3'' or 4'' long, and tapered to a point at the other end. Peel off the speckled skin and impale the strip once near the wide end. Other highly effective baits, as revealed by boat fishermen, are baitfish: spearing, sand eels, killies. Of the three, however, the surf caster will find that killies are the best because they are sold live whereas the others are frozen and disintegrate rapidly in the swirling currents and rough bottom. If you own a small killie box, you can tie it to the jetty and float it in the water, keeping the baitfish alive for hours. A lively killie should be hooked through the lips or eyes for the best presentation. If a fluke bites off the killie's tail, however, try hooking it through the eyes or through the mouth and out the gill cover, and near the tail. Frozen baitfish should be rigged this way, too, after thawing them out. Many fishermen combine baitfish with a squid strip to increase the rig's visibility, scent, and movement. In July and August, when snappers are abundant, sharp anglers acquire bait for nothing. After catching a snapper on a small metal lure, they transfer the baitfish to their fluke rigs. Dead snappers may also be fished whole, or if very large, cut into strips. In fact, strips cut from a flounder, fluke, or sea robin, make excellent baits, as well. Fish strips should be similar to squid strips, although their skins should be left intact. Sometimes, fluke will go for a worm or clam, but generally, these baits are not as effective as the ones mentioned. Some anglers have success with artificials tipped with squid, especially metal lures and white leadhead bucktails under an ounce. These should be tied directly to the main line with an improved clinch knot and worked slowly along the bottom.

The best time to fish at any of the inlets is around a tidal change. I prefer the last few hours of the outgoing tide when fluke wait at the inlets for baitfish to be flushed out of the system. Combine a tidal change with dawn, and your chances to catch fluke are increased. (Occasionally, I have taken fluke at night when fishing near a strong overhead light.) Good fluke spots are located at the following inlets:

Shinnecock Inlet. The west jetty is easy to reach by car, and the best fluke fishing takes place near the ocean entrance to the inlet. Both sides of this jetty are worth trying; that is, the inlet side to the left and the ocean side to the right. Fairly long casts should be made off either side to keep the rig away from the innumerable rocks nearby. The east jetty, with the boat channel close by, can be equally productive for the angler willing to hike about 1/2 mile from the parking area to the ocean entrance. However, do not attempt to fish from the very tip of the jetty on this side because the rocks are scattered and waves come crashing over them.

Moriches Inlet. The east jetty is about 1½ miles from the nearest parking lot at Cupsogue Beach, and the west jetty is about seven miles from the parking lot at Smith Point. Consequently, this inlet is fished less than Shinnecock. A beach vehicle may be used to get to either jetty. For hikers, it takes about 20 to 30 minutes to reach the east jetty. Forget about the west jetty, unless you find hiking more pleasurable than fishing. Still, the trip to Moriches is worthwhile when you see how crowded Shinnecock becomes on a summer day. Unlike Shinnecock, fishing off either jetty at Moriches is best within the inlet and not near the ocean entrance. The current is too fast and rough near the entrance for good bottom fishing (although it can be great for bluefishing). The deep channel is within casting distance of the west jetty, but there is a shoal area near the bay side of the east jetty, which is excellent. On the outgoing tide, cast into the shoal area and let the bait drift into the dropoff to the left, where fluke line up for an easy meal. Which reminds me, too many anglers work the bait statically for fluke. Since fluke are aggressive predators, a simple method is to lighten the sinker just enough to drag the bait along the bottom. If fluke are in the vicinity, they are more likely to pounce on a bait presented this way than on a motionless one. Boat fishermen catch most of their fluke by drifting. So can the shore-bound angler.

Fire Island Inlet. This inlet is more complex than the other two because it is indented, and therefore, offers more possibilities. On the south side, Democrat Point extends to the west; on the north side, a large area, from the Sore Thumb and Oak Beach to Captree, points to the east. The inlet configuration of these overlapping strips of land is a meandering one. Fluke may be taken at any of these places: from the rocks or off the sandbar on the north side of Democrat Point, as well as from the Sore Thumb facing it, and the piers at Oak Beach and Captree. In fact, Captree has piers on the north side and the south side, and since it is an island, a second mini-inlet is formed here. Moreover, the piers at these two spots provide easier terrain from which to fish for fluke, and lighter gear may be used.

When you get a hit and play a fluke at any of these inlets, no unusual effort is required to bring it in. In fact, the fluke's flat body, which is a detriment to the small boat fisherman who must use a large landing net, slides easily over the obstructions. When fishing from the rock jetties, however, it is better to work lower down, if possible. This is another reason why I prefer the tail end of the ebb tide.

To get to Shinnecock Inlet's west jetty, take Rte. 27 to Westhampton Beach. Follow the signs to the beach, cross the bridge, and make a left turn on Dune Road. Continue to the end where a free parking area is a few feet from the jetty. Moriches' east jetty is reached almost the same way, except that you make a right turn on Dune Road and head west to Cupsogue Beach. If you arrive at dawn, you can park for nothing. Walk onto the beach and turn right; you will see the signal tower on the jetty in the distance. Moriches Inlet's west jetty is reached by taking the William Floyd Parkway south, over the Smith Point Bridge (a toll exists here), and then turning left. A permit is required for dune buggies. Information is available from the guard at the parking lot in Smith Point State Park. Shinnecock's east jetty requires a trip on Rte. 27 to Southampton. Make a right turn at the light at North Sea Road if you are coming from the west. This street becomes Main Street in Southampton. Continue to the end and turn right. The road eventually turns to dirt, but continue on it to the end and park. You will be near the bay side of the jetty, about 1/2 mile from the ocean entrance. All the places mentioned at Fire Island Inlet can be reached by taking the Robert Moses Causeway south, off the Southern State Parkway. Signs indicate Captree, and the last stop is Robert Moses State Park, about 3/4 of a mile east of Democrat Point. Tolls and/or parking fees exist in season. For Oak Beach and the Sore Thumb, take the Jones Beach exit and head west.

Do not expect a remarkable catch the first time you fish for fluke at any of these inlets. Even boat fishermen must put in the time. Once patterns become familiar, you will score at one of the South Shore inlets.

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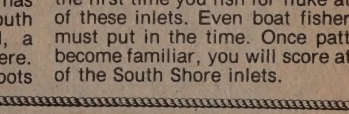

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SINKER BOUNCING

THE TEN POUNDER

by Matt Ahern

The urge to write this story had its genesis in an interesting letter I recently received from Jack Reed of Brooklyn. While more or less rebuking me for "telling tales" when I write my monthly Old-Timer's column, his criticism was leveled more on my reminiscences of the large fluke that were caught in the long-ago. Up until the date of his letter, July 11th, Jack admitted that he had yet to catch a fluke over two pounds. He concluded his letter with: "Tell me, Matt, you speak of big fluke—when was the last time you saw a ten pounder?"

From the tone of Mr. Reed's letter, I believe he was asking when was the last time I caught a ten pounder. If this is so, my answer is: not for a long time, sir; not for a long time. If memory serves me right, without the necessity of first checking through my voluminous records, I'd say I caught that fluke in 1962—aboard the Capt. Eric out of Captree. And that's a long time between ten pounders. I don't know if I shall ever catch another, but you know the old saying: Hope abides forever in the fisherman's breast.

But if Mr. Reed actually did mean when was the last time I saw a ten pounder, I can say it was not too long ago: 1979—a year not noted for its over-abundance of doormat fluke. It was caught on July 4th on Artie Leidecker's "Echo," a fitting tribute from the cantakerous but patriotic fishing gods. It also happened to be Artie's 66th Birthday, which made it a sort of bi-celebration affair.

The trip started out, as do all fishing trips, with no knowledge of what the day would bring.

The evening before, Artie had phoned. "I got Nick Hauck and Charlie Hall lined up for a fluke trip tomorrow. You get hold of Al Dunn. We'll try that high-spot off Jones Beach Tower. Should be a fish or two waiting for us. Oh...Margaret's making up all the lunch, and I'm paying the freight for this one. A birthday present in reverse for you guys. Try to meet us at dawn. No later."

"A real Yankee Doodle birthday boy, aren't you? A spendthrift, too. Okay. Good enough. See you in the morning."

The day broke fair, with high clouds marching ahead of a light southeast breeze. Not the best condition for good ocean fluke fishing. Rain was sure to come by late afternoon; but if we were lucky, we'd be long gone by then.

As we came out of Jones Inlet, I left Artie at the controls and joined my buddies on the bow. There was a slight heave on, but not enough to worry us.

Just then, the sun slid out from behind a bank of cloud cover, looked us over without any great enthusiasm, and slid back in again. Charlie Hall said it was an omen. "The weather's not so hot, fellers," he commented. "Hope it doesn't blow."

"Artie says not to worry. It won't blow—or rain—at least not until the tide changes. And if the fish cooperate, we'll be home by then."

In due time we arrived in the area of Artie's favorite offshore high-spot. Our first drift was started well to the south and east in expectation that the wind and current would eventually carry us to some good fishing.

Al Dunn drew first blood when he lifted a borderline keeper over the rail. "Back you go, baby." He carefully removed the hook and dropped the fish overboard. Then he added as an afterthought: "Send your big brother around."

As we neared the high-spot our interest heightened. The next fluke thought my killie worthy of its attention, and I lifted a two pounder aboard. Five minutes later, Artie and Al each added a fluke to the bucket.

"C'mon, Charlie," Artie chided, "there's got to be one down there for you. You, too, Nick."

"You guys catch those runts," Charlie replied. "We're after doormats. Ain't that right, Nick?" Nick, never over-talkative, nodded his head. "That's right."

But if there were doormats down there, none of us could prove it. In fact, during the time spent drifting over the high-spot, not one fish came up. We made another run, beginning slightly to the west of the first drift, hoping to cut the southwest corner of the high-spot. Two throwbacks rewarded our efforts.

"I wish this was August," Artie remarked as he replaced his bait with a fresh killie. "I'd make a drift along the outside edge of the Stone Barge."

"How about the Iberia Wreck off Long Beach?" I suggested. "We've caught some nice fluke there in July."

But Artie argued against it. "Too far to run. Suppose this breeze picks up...? No, the Iberia is out. We'll do the best with what we've got."

And I guess we're lucky we didn't make the run. Had we done so, it is quite possible we never would have caught that ten pounder.

We continued to fish, but it was slow going. Occasionally a drift would reward us with a fluke or two, but most produced nothing; and those fish we did catch were nothing to rave about. As Charlie Hall said, we could have done as well in any south Shore bay. Eventually, the area petered out altogether.

Just before noontime Artie went below and returned with his home-made area chart. "There's another high spot south and east of buoy 2. See." He indicated the spot with a stubby finger. "It says thirty feet at high water, which —let's see—means that right now there's about twenty-eight feet over it. Let's give it a try."

A half-hour later, and only minutes into the first drift, Nick connected with our first decent fish of the day: a good three pounder. Then Artie brought in one a bit larger. "This is more like it." He dropped the fish into the bucket. "Don't waste time, fellers. This breeze is picking up."

Which was true enough. I'd noticed it, too. In fact, minutes later it became necessary to add heavier sinkers. I figured that in another hour we'd be forced to quit. It was then when it happened.

Until then I hadn't been paying much attention to what the other fellows were doing, but I quickly became attentive when I heard Al Dunn say: "You want the net, Charlie?" And more so when Charlie replied: "You better gaff this one."

I called over to Artie. "Charlie's hung a big one." We quickly reeled in.

Grim-faced, Charlie stood braced against the wall, his rod bent into that arc which only a big fish can make. Al grabbed the net; Artie picked up the gaff. Each took his place, one to each side of the laboring fisherman. Nick and I peered into the depths.

Seconds passed, and then the brown body of an enormous doormat fluke glided into sight. At the same instant, the fish spotted the boat and dove for the bottom. "Let it run, Charlie," Artie coached. "Let it run! Easy does it. Take your time. Easy. Easy."

When it reached bottom, the fluke headed south and peeled off about 20' of line in one continuous run. It then

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THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

1 **WHEN A SHARK** ATTACKS A PERSON IT GOES INTO A FEEDING FRENZY. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

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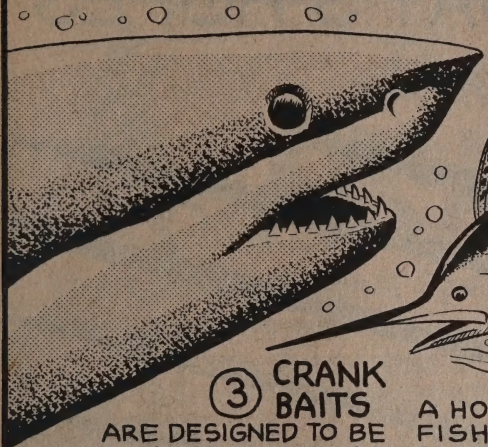

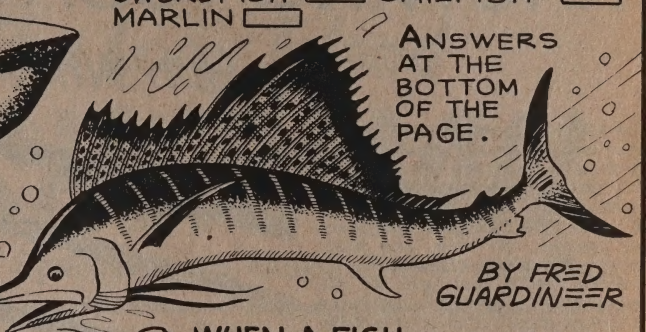

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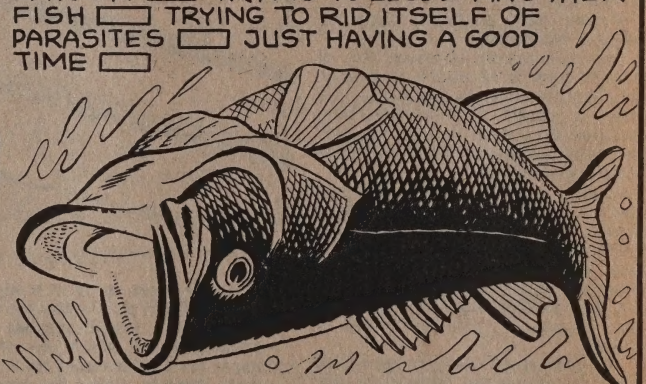
BY FRED GUARDINEER

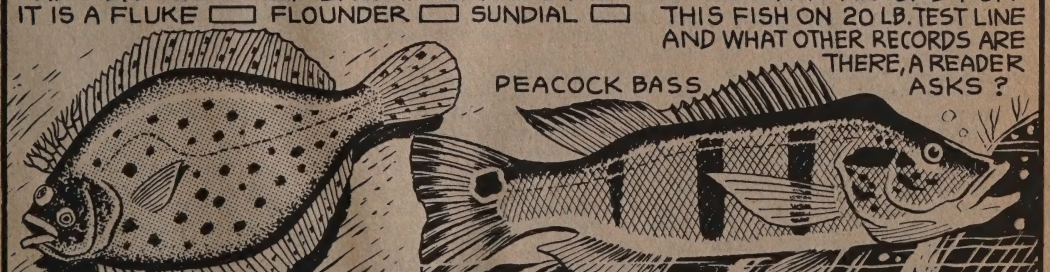
3 **CRANK BAITS** ARE DESIGNED TO BE WORKED AS SLOWLY AS POSSIBLE. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

4 **WHEN A FISH** JUMPS OUT OF THE WATER IT IS TRYING TO THROW A HOOK ☐ TRYING TO ELUDE ANOTHER FISH ☐ TRYING TO RID ITSELF OF PARASITES ☐ JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME ☐



5 **THIS SPECIE** IS THE MOST AGGRESSIVE OF THE FLAT FISH. IT RISES FROM THE SAND WHERE IT BURIES ITSELF, GRABS ITS MOVING PREY AND VIBRATES ITSELF BACK INTO THE SAND. IT IS A FLUKE ☐ FLOUNDER ☐ SUNDIAL ☐

6 **PEACOCK BASS** OR PAVÓNS, AN EXCELLENT GAME AND FOOD FISH, HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO U.S. LAKES FROM SOUTH AMERICA. IS THERE ANY RECORD FOR THIS FISH ON 20 LB. TEST LINE AND WHAT OTHER RECORDS ARE THERE, A READER ASKS ?



1 - FALSE. SHARKS USUALLY DELIVER ONLY ONE OR TWO STRIKES BEFORE SWIMMING AWAY.
2 - SAILFISH. 3 - FALSE. THEY GENERALLY WORK BEST WHEN RETRIEVED QUICKLY.
4 - ALL FOUR REASONS. 5 - SUNDIAL. 6 - PEACOCK BASS RECORDS ARE 12 LB. 4 OZ. ON 4 LB. LINE, 12 LB. 10 OZ. ON 8 LB. LINE, 11 LB. 9 OZ. ON 12 LB., 14 LB 14 OZ. ON 16 LB... *20 LB. LINE IS VACANT.*

KNOWING TODAY'S ROPES

by Bob Whittier

The saucily pungent smell of tarred rope used to pervade waterfronts so much as to have been the characteristic odor of such places. But today, ropes used by pleasure boat owners add nothing to the atmosphere. They do, however, do their jobs much better and more dependably.

Whilel natural-fiber ropes are still available, by far a majority of the rope to be seen aboard small craft is of the synthetic-fiber type. And outside the yachting field, most boat operators know little about the properties of various synthetics.

It's not really confusing once one learns a few basics.

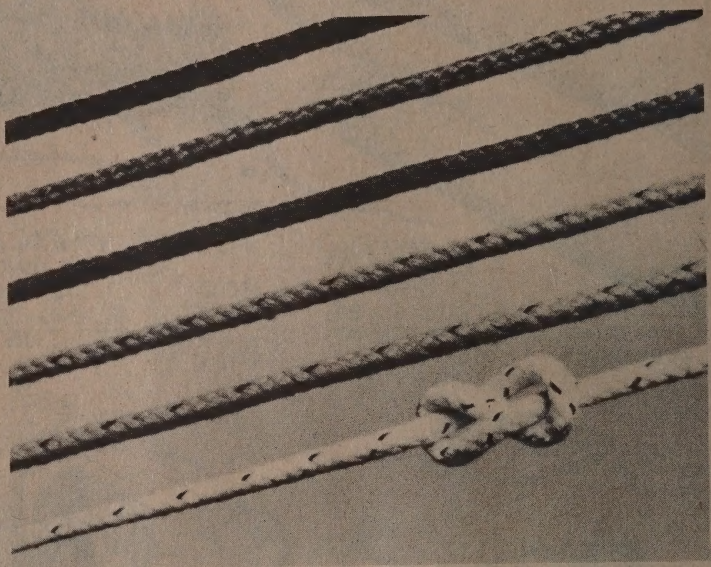
The outstanding characteristic of NYLON rope is its ability to stretch considerably under heavy loads. This gives it excellent shock-absorbing qualities. So it finds its uses for such jobs as serving as anchor and mooring ropes and dock lines.

Aboard a sailboat, though, one does not want ropes that tend to stretch, for they can make it impossible to adjust the sails and rigging and have the adjustments stay put. So aboard sailboats where a rope that will not stretch significantly under load is wanted, DACRON rope is chosen.

The powerboat man—meaning the sport or commercial fisherman—will thus choose nylon for his anchor line and dacron for his block and tackle or the gin pole he uses to haul very large fish aboard.

Both nylon and dacron are very much stronger than the familiar old manila seen in hardware stores. Less strong than these, but still stronger than manila, are the polyethylene and polypropylene ropes. They cost less than the first two synthetics. For many users, their outstanding characteristic is their ability to float. Thus they are much used for water ski tow lines. Since they remain on the surface when a water ski tow rope is slacked off, there is much less likelihood of their fouling a boat's propeller.

The high strength of nylon and dacron has its good points and its bad points. If one likes to go fishing far out to sea and wants to carry a very long anchor line, some slim nylon rope will allow hundreds of feet of anchor line to be stowed in limited space. But on the other hand, although something such as quarter-inch nylon would be strong enough to hold a large outboard boat, it would be quite hard to grip with the hands and will tend to cut into them when hauling anchor. For this reason, a man might find himself taking a second look at plain old manila for the anchor line in his fishing skiff. For inshore fishing, a much shorter rope will be adequate and of course some half-inch manila can be much easier to haul on.



Synthetic ropes come in many materials and constructions. Sometimes color coding is purely decorative, sometimes it is a manufacturer's way of identifying a special-purpose rope. And sometimes color coding helps crewmen to tell which jobs various ropes do aboard a sailboat. Marine stores have informative booklets put out by the rope makers—get and study these to "learn the ropes."

Marine stores carry a variety of synthetic ropes for the benefit of sailboat owners. Rope used in sailboats must have a good "hand"; that is, be comfortable and secure to grip. Synthetic ropes made of many strands of filament running the entire length of a shot of rope tends to have a beautiful sheen to it—but it's also very slippery. So other synthetic ropes are made by twisting random short lengths of filament into cords, which in turn are twisted into ropes that have a somewhat shaggy look and are much more secure to grasp.

Another quality much desired aboard sailboats is the ability for a rope to bend sharply when it passes over pulley sheaves. Because of the nature of the hard, solid filaments, twisted synthetic ropes can tend to crush and fracture their inner strands when they are bent sharply under heavy loads. Thus the popularity of "braided" ropes aboard sailboats—they can stand bending with less internal deterioration. They are also very flexible and easy to handle, feed into jam cleats well, work well on winch drums, and have a good "hand."

So you see, as a motorboat owner you have to know a little about the needs of sailors in order to understand and select synthetic ropes to best advantage.

Where rot was the number one enemy of ropes made of natural fibers, sunlight is the big enemy of synthetics. After considerable exposure to sunlight, they begin to get a darkening of color along with a slow but noticeable increase in stiffness. There is no way to restore original flexibility because irreversible molecular change has been taking place. As much as possible, keep your synthetic ropes under cover.

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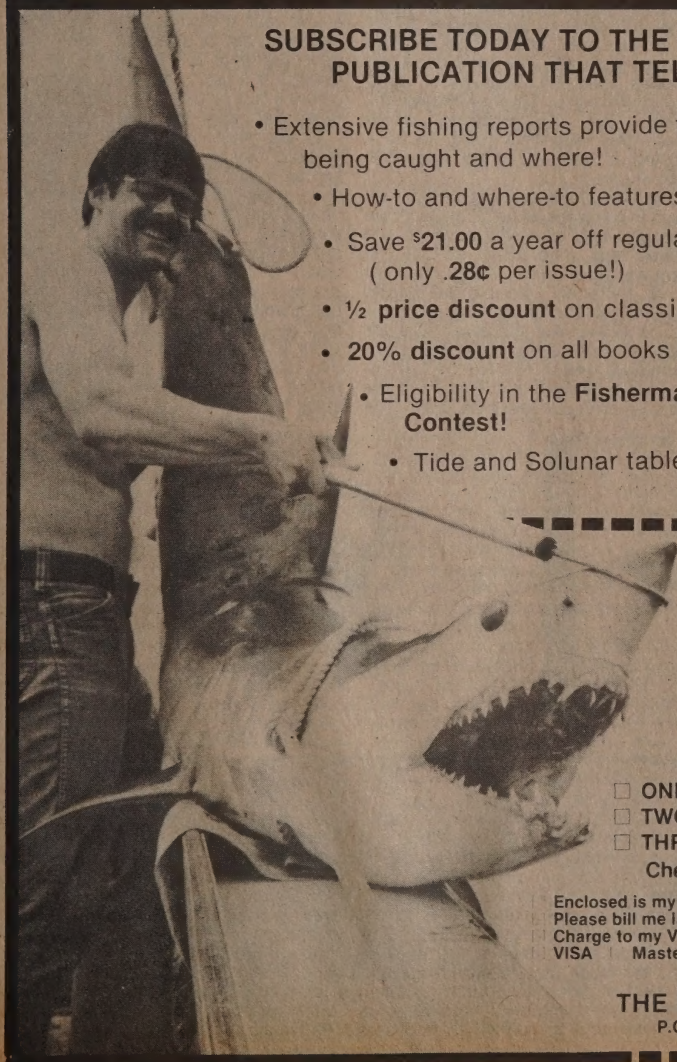

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WHAT KIND OF CRAB IS THAT?

by Herb Buch

Fishermen are prone to laugh when a sharply bent rod produces a crab instead of a fish. Newcomers to the sport are thankful that someone else was the unlucky one, and that they did not have to wrestle a clawed monster off the hook. They are also often puzzled by the fact that occasionally the "unlucky" angler welcomes the catch and deposits it carefully in his pail. After fishing for a few years we all learn that there are different types of crabs. Seafood enthusiasts soon learn to recognize the blue crab. They may still prefer that someone else handle that viciously aggressive crustacean. This article will help you to identify the five most common crabs that may be encountered by fishermen on Long Island. It will also advise you as to how to handle them with the least possibility for personal injury, and how to put most of them to some use.

First of all, I would like to explain why they are called crustaceans. The "crust" part gives it away, as they have an exo or outside skeleton. This is also the reason that their relatives, the shrimp and lobster, are so popular with the average person. They have no bones to interfere with our pleasure at the table. However, they do have a problem when it is time to grow. The outside skeleton has to be discarded, and a new one formed after a short period during which they increase in size. Tough for them, but great for us. A crab which has moulted, or lost its shell, can be eaten completely, and is one of nature's great delicacies. It is necessary to cut off the face area, and remove the gills before frying, but this takes but a few seconds, and the soft-shelled crab cannot pinch you. They all belong to a group called the decapods, which means ten feet. This leads us to a method of distinguishing one kind from another.

The side of the crab which has the claws is the front of its body, and the eyes protrude on stalks between the clawed legs. The other end of the body will have a pair of legs that are either flattened into paddle-shaped appendages for swimming, or have narrow points like the other legs for walking. Two of our local crabs are swimmers, and they have the flattened, paddle-shaped rear legs. They are the blue crab and the lady crab. The other three common decapods are the rock crab, green crab and spider crab. All of these have pointed rear legs which restrict them to the bottom for the most part.

Now let us discuss identification. If your catch has swim paddles and bright blue claw, you are a lucky man. This is the famous blue crab, a real delicacy. Drop it into your pail, and count your blessings. If it has swim paddles, but a speckled shell that does not extend into points at the sides, it is a lady crab, also commonly called a calico crab. They can be used in several ways—but that comes later.

Crabs with rear legs that are pointed may be either green, rock, or spider crabs. The shell of the green crab is basically green, but males will have some orange on the bottom of the body. The rock crab is a fairly uniform brown, and generally larger than the green crab. The monster of the family is the spider crab, which has a small, dirty brown, rough shell, and very long legs, out of proportion to its body size. Any of the five crabs may have growths of other organisms on the shell, but spider crabs always seem to be covered with growths, and

ROCK CRAB

LADY CRAB

GREEN CRAB

BLUE CRAB

this is another diagnostic characteristic.

Do not assume that these are the only crabs found on Long Island. If you wander around in the marshes, you may come across fiddler crabs, mud crabs, and hermit crabs. There are many others that you may never see. However, the five that I am describing are the ones that you are likely to catch while pursuing your sport in local waters.

After you catch a crab, your first project is to remove it from your line without it hurting you. There are many techniques for handling crabs. I will describe the one that works best for me.

Place your foot gently but firmly on the front of the body of the crab, leaving the hind legs exposed. Using your thumb and index finger, grip the crab at the point where one of the hind legs meets the body. You now have the joint and a bit of the body in your grasp. When you are sure of your grip, you can take your foot off and the crab will not be able to reach you with its claws. The crabs that are most likely to nip you are the blue and lady crab. Both of these have paddle shaped rear legs to guide you to the right spot for your grip. If you make a mistake with any of the walking crabs, do not worry, as they are not very agile or aggressive, and they are unlikely to nip you. Now drop the crab into a bucket or wet sack if you plan to save it, or back into the water if you don't want it.

If you appreciate seafood, you are going to save every blue crab that you catch. You should do the same with rock crabs provided that their shells are fully hardened. We catch a lot of rock crabs during flounder season. They grow slowly during the colder months. If their shell has not hardened since their last moult, you will find little edible meat in their bodies. It is easily checked by squeezing one of the legs between your fingers. If the shell bends easily, throw the crab back to fill out its skeleton. Rock crabs have excellent flavor, and the joint of each leg that is closest to the body has a good chunk of meat in it, in addition to the claws and the body itself. They are well worth picking for food. Lady crabs are also edible, but I find they are too small for me to pick their flesh efficiently. However, I have been observing that many of the people trapping crabs on the Jones Beach and Captree piers are keeping all the lady crabs that they catch. There must be a way to make their use practical.

Besides eating the crabs myself, my next choice for using them would be as bait to catch fish. Most fish will eat crabs, but we usually think of them as blackfish bait. Green crabs have produced the largest blackfish that I have ever seen, and many of them, on Long Island Sound. They are easy to catch on rocky shore lines by turning over rocks at low tide (please replace the rocks as a shelter for future generations of crabs). They can also be found between the timbers of wooden bulkheading or groins, and around docks. A ring trap will take plenty of green crabs at any stage of the tide by baiting it with a fish head or a dead bergall. Tie the bait to the net or you may just supply a free lunch for the crabs.

Down south blue crabs may be common enough to use for bait, but I would never waste one like that. Rock crabs and lady crabs are often in our waters and they both make excellent bait. To use them, break off the claws first, then all the other legs. Pry off the top shell with a bait knife, and remove the apron from the bottom. You can now cut the body into four or six segments depending upon the size of the crab. Bergalls may nibble at these baits, but you can't beat the price, and they take blackfish as well as any, with the possible exception of green and hermit crabs.

Crabs that you catch today can be kept for next week by packing them in wet rockweed (no water), or other sea weed and putting them into a refrigerator. You had better get your wife's approval first, and keep the pot covered to prevent possible escapes.

Stripers are not easily caught from south shore beaches during the summer, even when they were abundant. Yet, years ago, many experts took bass consistently at this time while I was developing my tennis elbow by endlessly and fruitlessly casting lures. The basis of their success was to use a clam rake to collect lady crabs, and save the shedders. These would be carefully peeled and fished on bait rigs at night with excellent results. I was too much of a purist at that time to use bait for bass, now I know better. One sharp-eyed regular used to gently flip a shedder crab to stripers which he could spot during the daytime from the Silver Point jetty. Not only were there more bass but the water was crystal clear. We still have plenty of crabs, but no one seems to be using them like they did then.

To my knowledge, the spider crab has only one possible use. You can crush it in your chum pot to add flavor to your flounder mash.

As a surf fisherman, I can tell you that there are many times when you would be only too happy to be rid of all crabs. The only moderately successful method, is to use a cork float on a long leader to float your bait off the bottom. This will keep your bait above the level of the walking crabs, but the swimmers can still reach it. Their success is hampered as it washes back and forth with the waves so that it will generally do a pretty good job. If you fish from jetties or piers, use a surface float to suspend your bait. This is particularly effective when using live snappers or any small live bait.

Crabs may be pests at times, but if you consider their uses as food and bait, you will gain a new dimension in your appreciation of the bounty of nature.

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TROLLING FOR BLUEFISH

by Pete Barrett

On a day to day basis, there are probably more fishermen trolling for blues than there are fishermen using any other single method. Unfortunately most of those trollers will achieve only limited success because they are either fishing at the wrong time, the wrong place or with the wrong lures. Trolling seems simple enough, yet for a good catch there are many things to consider; there is a formula and a technique to use.

Tackle should be chosen carefully. We can talk of two types of tackle to cover many different water depths. Top water trolling is best with monofilament lines while deep trolling can be done with wire line or mono used off a downrigger. Typical all-round light trolling reels are like the Daiwa 30H and 300H, the Penn 500 and 112H when fishing with mono. Some anglers will go even lighter with reels like the Ambassadeur 7000 or the Newell 229.

Wire line calls for specialized tackle like the Penn 112H and 113H or the Daiwa 300HW and 400HW. Both of the Daiwa reels have special chromed spools to prevent excessive saltwater corrosion; the Penns already have a chromed spool.

Rods should be soft enough in action to "work" a plug or spoon, pumping with the lure's action. Too stiff a rod blank can kill some of the lure's action. As a guide, look for a rod that will take up to 30 lb. line. Wire line rods need carboloy or ceramic guides to withstand the abrasiveness of the wire.

Rigging wire line has been covered many times in past issues of "The Fisherman," so check your back issues. Usually the length of wire is either 150 or 300 feet long, attached to the backing with a Haywire Twist and clinch knot to a small barrel swivel. Be sure the barrel swivel is small enough to fit through the guides. A 60 lb. leader is attached to the end of the wire, again with a small barrel swivel. The 15' leader has a black snap swivel attached with a clinch knot.

For mono trolling, no special leader is required although many anglers will tie a Bimini at the end of the line and then attach a length of heavier line ahead of the lure. The leader is the same as covered last week for diamond jigging.

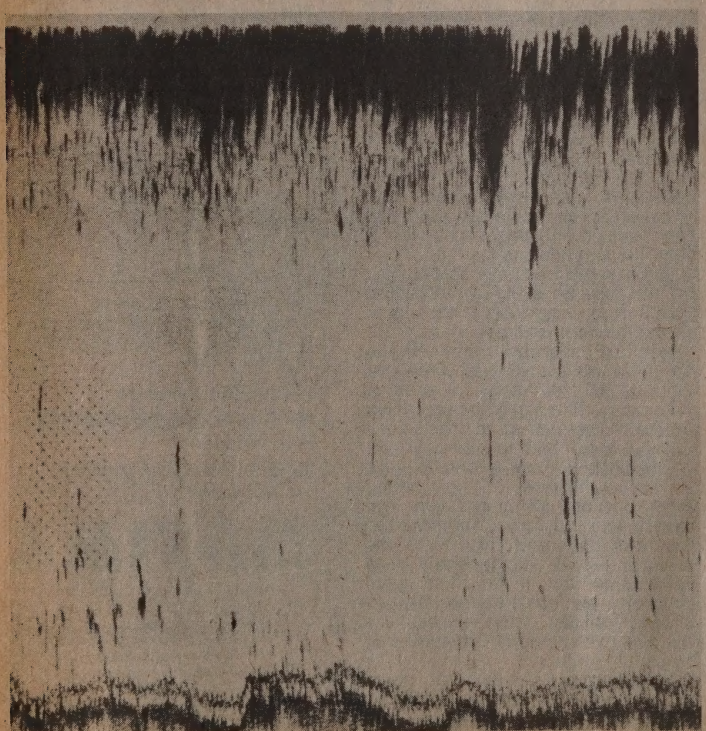
There is no need to add a length of wire leader ahead of the lure. There is perhaps no other single factor that causes a lack of response from the fish as a glaring length of wire leader. Few blues will ever cut you off when trolling. The lures used are usually long and the hooked fish is at least several inches to more than a foot away from your mono line or leader.

There are several **Methods** of trolling and which one you use depends on the information that your graph recorder is feeding to you. When the fish are marked within the top one-third of the water near the surface, top water trolling with mono is the best method. Lures like spoons, Rebels, Red Gills, single tubes, nylons, and Hoochies are most often used. It can be a help to add a trolling drail ahead of the lure about 18" to 24" up the leader. The added weight of the 2-4 oz. drail will get the lure down about five feet where more fish will be located.

When the recorder shows fish marked from 15' to 40' down, wire line is ideal. The approximate rule is five feet of depth for every fifty feet of wire line IN THE WATER, not at the rod tip. All the lures mentioned above work with wire and so do the umbrella rig lures. Most umbrella rig fishermen are switching to the newer, lighter and easier to troll mini rigs with either four or six arms.

Bluefish often hold in very deep water, especially on very bright days and you may mark them on your recorder as shown on the sample paper.

This is much too deep for wire line trolling and the fish were not balled tightly enough to make for good diamond jigging. Downriggers were the answer. The trolling balls or weights can be accurately placed at exactly the right depth and the lures will pass right through the school of



These blues were marked deep in 45'-80' of water—ideal for downriggers.

Fish eye underwater view of hooked bluefish.

fish.

The same lures as used for wire line will also work just as well with the downriggers. Umbrella rigs can be a deadly producer and are excellent for locating the color preference of fish. Try a rig with a selection of tube colors. The color most of the fish hit will be the best color for that day.

When To. Trolling is an excellent fishing method, but it does not work all the time. Fortunately the graph recorder can show you what level the fish are feeding to help you select the best trolling technique. Trolling is preferred to diamond jigging when the fish are spread out and not tightly schooled. It allows you to cover a lot of water in a short period of time as opposed to slowly drifting and jigging. Trolling can be a good "fish locator," once you find the fish you may switch to jigging.

Where To. Like most fishing methods, trolling is best when you are presenting the lures to fish that are holding over some kind of structure. Criss cross ridges, humps and lumps to present the lures from four or more different directions. When working a dropoff to deeper water, run a zigzag pattern that brings the lures up on the high water and then comes down off the shelf into the deep water. You may see surface slicks, roily patches caused by schools of bait. Troll the edges of these patches.

Odds and Ends. Color can play an important part of trolling. The old saw about "dark days, use dark lures" is a good starting point but must be added to. Light colored bottom areas such as the sandy bottom found along south shore beaches call for lighter colored lures. Areas that have dark, rocky bottoms call for dark lures.

The deeper you go, the less color will be reflected from the lures with dark colors like reds, purples, blues. Other colors like greens and yellows are much more visible at great depths. If dark lures aren't working make a dramatic switch to a very bright color.

Lure action can be critical. Fast swimming lures like Rebels, spoons like the Acetta pet and Clark squid spoon, will transmit vibrations for long distances in the water and can often attract fish into smacking a lure when slower lures like tubes or nylons won't. Keep in mind that those vibrations can be bad news on some days and blues will prefer the less active lures.

The size of the lure can be critical. On one day last July we had no luck with blues on the lures which were producing good catches of fish only days before. A switch in the wind had probably moved the predominant baitfish offshore, leaving us surrounded with schools of tiny sand eels. Our long nylons didn't take a fish, but a switch to a small spoon brought quick hits from the fish. If you're marking fish on the recorder and yet are not getting strikes, change the size, color and lure depth till you get the winning combination.

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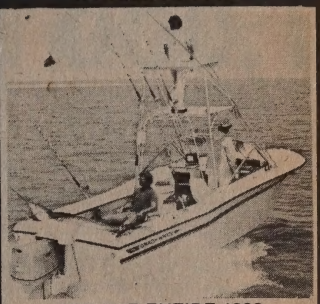

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BREAKING THE 1,000 POUND BARRIER

by Al Ristori

The morning of September 11, 1980 was really far too nice for good fishing. It had blown Northwest the previous day, and that sort of wind serves to knock down whatever sea may be running off the Jersey Coast. Therefore, we enjoyed a smooth, swift ride out to the Mud Hole on the 36' "Runaway," out of Manasquan. The waters of the Mud Hole were as blue as I've ever seen them, and the chunks could be followed far into the depths. It was in every way a "bluebird day," but not really ideal for fooling the wary giant bluefin tuna.

Author with New Jersey state record 1,022 lb. giant tuna.

If there is any fish in the world more powerful than the bluefin tuna, I have not come across it. In terms of strength and endurance, this great fish stands alone—and it's not far back in the pack when it comes to speed. Bluefin tuna are finely tuned bundles of muscle whose life style involves constant movement. Great quantities of food are required to fuel these oceanic machines, but they can be surprisingly fussy eaters. Especially when feeding in clear waters, giant tuna will often happily eat up every morsal thrown over the side while rejecting the one bait with a hook in it.

Actually, that was the least of our problems that morning. None of the dozen boats in the area had yet seen a tuna, and there was some question as to how many were in the area. The fleet had gathered up because Atlantic Beach skipper Ronnie Lepper had beaten a giant of over 800 lbs. the previous week. Just a couple of days before, Captain Bob Pisano had taken a day off from his charter boat, "Ol Salty" (out of Belmar) to run Marv Gutschmit' "Runaway" to the Mud Hole grounds. That trip produced a "small" giant of about 450 lbs., and brought me running on the next fishable day. The rest of our crew consisted of mate Chris DeStefano, and Roy Parsons, of Roselle, New Jersey.

Bob Pisano is no stranger to Mud Hole tuna fishing. In fact, few would dispute the fact that he is number one among Jersey skippers when it comes to giant tuna. Not only has he taken giants over the years with more consistency than any other captain, but he also smashed the old New Jersey state record of 796 lbs. with a 956 lber. caught on the "Ol Salty" late in the Fall of 1979. There may be others who think they're better tuna fishermen, but I'm sure that none will claim to be more intense in their pursuit of the giants. "Captain Midnight" is out before and after the rest—and he never relaxes throughout the day. Those who survive mating for him, and come back for more, are surely sainted individuals!

On the way offshore Bob was proudly describing the "Runaway," a prototype of a series of canyon runners he's building for a company owned by veteran offshore angler Marv Gutschmit. Having struggled

with a gin pole aboard the "Ol Salty" for many years, Bob was particularly pleased with the stern door—and described how easy it was to boat the tuna caught earlier that week. However, noting that the stern door didn't extend all the way up, I kidded Bob about it not being big enough to take fish as big as we were going to catch. Bob said he couldn't get the proper hardware with which to open the entire stern, but still felt that his door was big enough to handle anything we might catch.

Roy and I took turns chunking, while Chris doled out some bunker chum with a cut-off beer can—the ladle having been left at the dock. Attempts to hook a whiting or ling on the bottom for a live bait proved fruitless. In fact, I just couldn't imagine what giant tuna would be doing in this area when it appeared so dead. I'd just entered the head at 10:45 when Bob started screaming for me. There was no hook-up, but three giants were swimming below the boat casually picking up the sinking bunker chunks. Bob was working one of the lines up and down trying to make the half-bunker on the hook look as natural as possible. One by one the giants would come through and pick up chunks. Two were real monsters and the third was still no midget.

The underwater ballet performed by those tuna would have made the day worthwhile, even if nothing else had happened. Time and again the great fish would move through at a steady speed, twisting to pick up the chunks in full flight—and sending up great boils as they did so. The water was so clear that it seemed as if we could reach over and touch their backs, but they were actually about 20 to 30 feet below us. Bob kept patterning the movements of the fish, and frequently had the bait moving by just as one would reappear. Not a sound could be heard as we all waited for the bait to disappear, but each time the giant would pass by and search out the free lunch.

Bob was literally beside himself, talking to the fish and exclaiming about their size. After about ten minutes of this, "Captain Calm" finally broke down—dropping to his knees and pounding the deck! However, there was a smile on his face as he went through that ritual. While Chris, Roy and myself were worried about whether the giants would ever hit in that clear water, Bob was supremely confident. He was matched against the opponent he understands best and, though, awed by their size, he never doubted that we'd hook one.

The strike came suddenly. Bob had let the bait sink out of sight and the giant had taken it without warning. The 12/0 Fin-Nor screamed as 130 lb. dacron poured off the reel. Roy jumped into the chair as Chris and I cleared the deck. The hook from the other rod had gotten tangled in the rig with the fish on, and that line had to be cut. It was sheer pandemonium for a few moments, before the engines were started and the anchor buoy dropped. Fortunately, the fish didn't run far before settling down. Indeed, he stayed high in the water, and it looked as if we might get a shot at a "fast" fish.

As it turned out, we didn't make much progress after that point; so Bob invited another skipper to take over his buoy and have a go at the fish we left behind. The fight dragged on as the fish kept circling in the area, conveniently staying away from the other boats. As this was going on, Chris spotted several giants feeding on some floating ling and whiting that had spilled out of a dragger's net. One boat ran over to them but failed to get a hit.

It took an hour and 35 minutes, but Roy finally powered the fish to boatside—where we got our first look at it. With Chris running the boat, Bob handled the 300 lb. test mono leader and I did the honors with the gaff. It was a big fish, but none of us realized how big until we tried to fit it through the stern door. We soon realized that it just wasn't going through that opening!

After tying Roy's giant alongside, we went back to our buoy. Bob's friend hadn't seen a thing while we were gone, but we were hardly worried about that. Our day was already made. I went right to the business of chunking while Bob and Chris rigged leaders and Roy rubbed sore muscles. Within minutes, a giant boiled on a floating bait less than 100' from the "Runaway." I threw a charge of chunks in that direction, and we noticed a boil off our stern which came from a fish feeding out of sight. Bob hurriedly threw over a half-bunker on a 14/0 Penn Senator rig that he had borrowed the night before. The bait went down into the depths, but there was no further sign of the fish. Bob threw the reel into gear before winding it up to start again and, just at that moment, the rod bent over in the holder!

Instantaneously, there was another scene of mass confusion. Everyone was hopping over boxes of bait to clear the decks as the fish roared off for the horizon. Once again we were fortunate, as the tuna moved into an open area and gave us time to get everything clear. Bob maneuvered the boat so as to keep our fish clear of the other boats, but we soon ran into a problem. It turned out that while the first couple of hundred yards of 130 lb. dacron on the borrowed outfit was packed tight, there was a lot of loose line below it.

The tuna was making a run, and moving toward another boat, when I noticed the line starting to cut down into the spool. That situation left me with a tough choice. I could either stay with the heavy drag and hope I could stop the giant before he reached the other boat's anchor line (risking a break-off if the line dug in too deep), or lighten up on the drag and take a chance on that anchor line in order to

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prevent further dig-in problems on the Senator. Remembering the rifle shot-like sound that dacron makes when it breaks after digging into a spool, I backed off on the drag!

That turned out to be a good decision in two ways. Rather than running under the anchor line, the giant responded to the lessened pressure by turning toward open water. Bob tore a cardboard cigarette package apart and the pieces were layed on the reel as we backed hard on the fish to gain line. With half a dozen pieces of cardboard scattered around the spool, the line on top was unlikely to dig in—provided that we never let it get down that far again. I came back up on the drag and made sure that wasn't going to happen.

Once we were well clear of the fleet, I virtually "relaxed" with the heavy drag. The giant actually towed the "Runaway" backwards, and I was confident that would shortly slow him down. However, a southwest wind had come up, and a good chop was developing on the formerly calm sea. Though I had no doubts about catching this fish (unless the hook pulled), Bob was beginning to get worried. We'd been fighting the fish for close to 1½ hours, and he still appeared to be strong. The increasing sea would make maneuvering more difficult if he ran into the wind, and Bob told me (for the first time) that the mono leader he had used was made of only 250 lb. test Ande—rather than the 300 lb. he normally uses. One of the reasons I was so confident, was that I'd always fought tuna on wire leaders before—and never had to worry about mono leaders that wear out from rubbing in the tuna's jaws during a long fight. Many giants are lost in the Mud Hole due to mono leader breaks, but the experts swear that these fish won't hit on wire leaders.

Obviously, it was time to pour on the pressure! As I did so, I suddenly realized that I was never properly adjusted in the seat harness or fighting chair. I had caught 29 giant tuna before this, but none since 1975. In the excitement, I'd actually forgotten a lot of what I'd learned about fighting a giant. I was sitting comfortably in the chair and just leaning back against a heavy drag, instead of using my legs and back to apply additional pressure. As Chris raised the foot rest, I cinched up the harness and went to work!

If a giant tuna is deep and anywhere near the boat, and you're still sitting in the chair—then you're just not putting on the proper pressure. That fish should pull you right up, so that you're pulling back at him with the power of your legs and back. In fishing with 130 lb. tackle for giant fish, your arms are really of relatively little use. You're certainly not going to accomplish much by pulling on the rod with your weak arm, while reeling with the stronger one. However, you can move the fish by sliding back and forth in the chair.

Once I was properly positioned, it was a different fight. Suddenly, the immovable object was movable. I was in the air most of the time, but I kept gaining. Every so often the giant would surge and take back a few grudging yards. However, I now knew that I had the upper hand. If everything held together, it wouldn't be long now! What a relief to finally see the double line! As soon as I got in on the reel, I grabbed it with a gloved hand to turn the giant's head and make sure he wouldn't go down again. Bob got the leader, Roy swung the gaff, and the fight was over!

Even after years of tuna fishing, I'm still a lousy judge of tuna size. Bob thought this was a very big fish, perhaps even bigger than the first one. I was just hoping that it would beat my personal record of 805 lbs. I'd stopped tuna fishing in Massachusetts Bay after 1975, just when the remaining fish were starting to attain super sizes. Now, 800 and 900 pounders are common there—and several 1000 pounders have been boated.

At this point we had two giant tuna, but were hardly out of the woods. Bob was feeling so good at this point that he allowed as how he wasn't even going to try for a third! It was getting close to 3PM, and we still had lots of work to do. Having already determined that this size fish wouldn't fit through the stern door, we tied my fish to the other side of the "Runaway" and proceeded to pick up our anchor. The afternoon southwester was really starting to howl, and it soon became obvious that we weren't going to be able to tow those fish in tied on the sides.

Bob was well aware of the fact that Ronnie Lepper's giant had been beaten up badly when towed in the previous week, so we gave a lot of thought to the alternatives. I suggested that we get the heads up as tight as possible to the stern and let the bodies plane behind the boat. It took awhile to move the fish and get the heads far enough out of the water to prevent large quantities of water from entering the mouths and increasing the strain on the lines. We were particularly worried about Roy's fish, as the flesh had torn all the way to the jaw bone. Fortunately, tuna jaw bones are almost as strong as cable.

With the fish rigged in that fashion we were able to make about 10 knots on the way back to Manasquan Inlet. As bad as the sea was at that time, we wouldn't have been able to do much better even without the fish. Roy's fish (on the lee side of the stern) didn't present us with any problems, but two of the three pieces of anchor line holding my tuna snapped just about a mile from the inlet. Thank God for that third line!

A crowd quickly gathered at Hoffman's Anchorage in Brielle, as Roy's tuna was hoisted up. Bob had lowered his estimates as we got closer to the dock and was hoping that the

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fish were over 800 lbs. He'd been talking about two "big" fish on the radio, and was hoping not to be embarrassed. That fear was quickly dispelled as the weighmaster called out 963 lbs.—and the revelry started over a new state record.

Most of the people on the dock were hardly aware of our second tuna. Bob thought it was even bigger, though I doubted that, due to the greater girth of Roy's fish. I was standing on top of the Runaway's cabin, taking pictures, when the weight was announced: 1022 pounds! I almost fell off at the shock of it, and it took quite awhile before I could really accept it.

I've fished over a good part of the world and for many species, but this had to be one of the greatest days I've ever had. It was "made" when we had the thrill of watching the giants feeding in the clear waters below the boat, and made complete when Roy caught his fish. My fish had just been icing on the cake, but it turned out to be the highlight of an incredible day. The New Jersey state record had been broken twice, and Bob Pisano was now responsible for three straight giant tuna records in a row. To top it off, Bob had accomplished this feat on a day when none of the other boats in our area of the Mud Hole had so much as a fish in their slicks. A couple of 500 lbers. were caught in another fleet south of us, but all this occurred just before the wild fishing in the Mud Hole got started.

Considering what we had done in one day, and that this was just the beginning of the season, I didn't expect my record to stand up. That it did, through all the amazing fishing of the greatest run of really large giant tuna in the history of Mud Hole fishing, was really surprising. Yet, the greatest thrill of this catch was breaking over the 1000 lb. barrier. I never expected to have the good fortune to hook into a 1000 lb. fish of any kind. Unless you happen into an exceptional shark, the likeliest opportunities for catching a "grander" are the late fall tuna fishery at Prince Edward Island and Canso Causeway in Canada, and the black marlin fishing on the Great Barrier Reef off Cairns, Australia. Having chosen to starve to death slowly as an outdoor writer, travel to those areas at the prime times is unlikely.

Catching a 1000 lber. anywhere would have been a great thrill, but doing it in my own backyard made it far greater. This was the first 1000 lb. tuna ever caught on rod and reel south or west of Block Island, and (as far as I can determine) the first grander of any species to be taken in the Metropolitan Area or New Jersey. As tuna seem to be getting bigger all the time, and a trend toward improving tuna fishing in the Mud Hole seems to be developing, it's likely that my record will soon be displaced. Of course, all records are made to be broken—but that special thrill of catching the first grander in the area can never be taken away!

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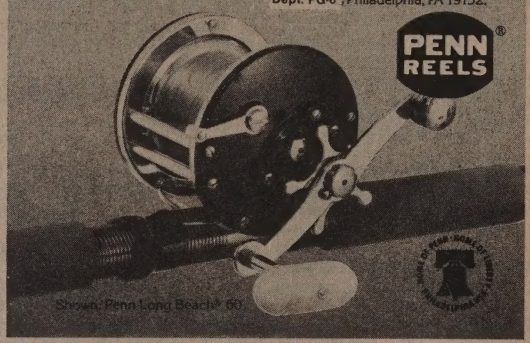

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

It's porgy time at the east end, says Capt Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud**. Fred tells of very good porgy catches for both his boat and Capt Dusty on the **Little Bear**. Excellent catches are being made at Gardiner's Island, with fish running from medium to large and a lot of blackfish and a few weaks and flounder mixed in as well. Aboard the **Flying Cloud** Tuesday saw 141 porgies take high hook honors for Hazel Reed of Brooklyn. Thursday's high hook was Ray Williamson of Springfield Gardens with 103 porgies. Friday's high hook was English Hooks of Brooklyn with 128 porgies. Saturday's high hook was John Echols of Phila. with 84 porgies on a crowded boat. High hook Sunday was Uniondale angler Charlie Pierce with 150 porgies. Blackfish have been running from 1½ to 8 lbs. High hook Monday aboard the **Little Bear** was 151 porgies for Bob Harris. Fred says the **Viking Starlight** is also racking up high porgy scores.

Capt Jerry McGrath of the charterboat **Nostalgia II** called to say that Monday's trip for Tom and Don Marturano, Tim O'Keefe and Tony Daddino scored with a white marlin of 44 lbs. caught 28 miles SE of the Point on a green machine.

Saturday's trip to Cox's Ledge for Ray and Tom Senkow and Harry Priggie Jr. and Sr. resulted in a catch of 30 cod to 24 lbs. on clam. Trolling on the way back they hooked and landed a 15 lb. school tuna.

Capt Mike of the charterboat **Montauk** reports that while the sharking has been slow, there have been plenty of yellowfin tuna, longfin tuna and bluefin tuna caught offshore. Inshore diamond jigs have been producing good catches of weakfish.

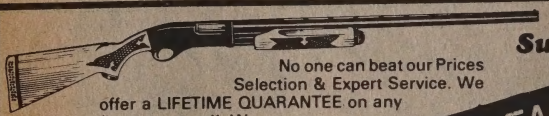
Capt Buddy Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** tells us that he continues to have good catches of porgies at the Point, all mediums to jumbos and that catches of over 100 porgies for a good fisherman is not uncommon on a typical day's trip. Customers are also catching sea bass, flounders, fluke and blacks to round out a day's catch. Buddy is still the holder of the 2 biggest porgies caught at Montauk. Thursday's high hook was 131 fish and Sunday's was 93. Bud says he is trying to concentrate on the larger porgies.

Dick Scheeler, Belmar, N.J. with a 58 lb. cod taken on the "Viking Star" at Coxes Ledge.

Gone Fishing Marina called to say that on Thursday Z. Ritter and crew had 310 lbs. of blues at Cartwright on bunker. Saturday Bill Ricca on the Alyssa Ann had 30 blues up to 12 lbs. and weaks up to 11 lbs. jigging in the Triangle. On Sunday he also had a load of porgies at Gardiner's off Pocketbook. Bass have been slow at Montauk. Larger fluke are in North Rips while the south side is producing regular fat keeper fluke.

Capt Zac of the **Mako Express** fished Bob Keenen of Rockland County and had a 51 lb. white marlin. Pat and Marge O'Connor, John and Nancy Russo and Glen Hosman had 20 skippies and a longfin albacore, a 24 lb. yellowfin tuna. Joyce Ginley, Sharon Witolin, John Mahoney and Fred Downs had 5 longfin albacore up to 44 lbs. Jim McGrath and Steve Persell caught a 60 lb. yellowfin tuna and a 20 lb. albacore and 2 skippies. All this was around the Mud Hole.

Capt Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** tells us that porgy fishing has been very good all week to the tune of 60 to 120 porgies a man each day, fishing Montauk Point and Gardiner's Island, with fish getting bigger all the time. Fluking has tapered off but the fish now being caught are bigger, with the North Rips producing best. The Cox's Ledge cod fishing continues to be fabulous for fish 12 lbs. and up on bait. The night bluefishing has also continued to be dynamite with the exception of Saturday night due to



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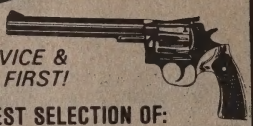

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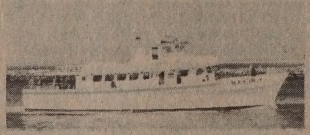

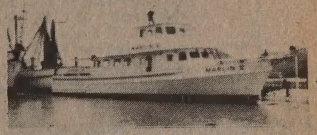

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inclement weather. Block Island and Cartwright have been the hot bluefish areas and Paul says these are all alligators in the upper teens. Watch the **Viking Fleet** ad next week for Nantucket wreck trip dates.

Capt Gary Kieffer of the charter-boat **Barracuda** called to report excellent offshore fishing for skipjack tuna, yellowfin tuna and longfin albacore up to 100 lbs. Saturday's charter for Larry Kieffer of NYC resulted in a catch of 9 longfin albacore from 35 to 60 lbs. and lots of skippies all at the Butterfish Hole. Giant bluefin tuna will be feeding soon off Montauk and there are a few choice September dates open. See ad for details.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** fished Ian McKnight of Pennsylvania for a total of 3 albacore and 2 yellowfin tuna. They also trolled up 20 bonito. The tuna were in the 30-65 lb. class. The trip for Ed Quinlein totalled 4 tuna and 2 albacore plus a mess of bonito. Inshore bluefishing remains good with occasional weaks mixed in.

Henry Columbi at **Star Island Yacht Club** reports that several of his private boats, namely, Tenderfoot, Yesterday, Cutlet, Armadillo, Crestliner and Hooker brought in a total of 5800 lbs. of bigeye tuna. Crestliner also had a sword and a couple of the boats had blue marlin. Call Henry to find out what they were caught on. The inshore fishing is fair but offshore is excellent.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

John at **Corrs Fishing Station** said that many fine fluke catches were

made in the inlet area this past week. Squid, fluke belly and sand eels have all been taking their share of fish. Among those doing well in recent days were Phyllis Rose, Joe Breznovits, Tom Irwin, Willie Turner and Ronnie Phillips.

MORICHES BAY

Andy at **Seatuck Fishing Station** in Eastport reported fluke fishing remained good with the best action concentrated in the Elbow area and at buoy 39. About half of the fish being taken are keepers up to 3 lbs.. Al Eiskamp and Frank Stellaccio had a nice mixed bag on the weekend. They fished the Elbow and took 15 sea bass, 18 fluke and 3 trigger fish. Later they moved to Sea Tuck Cove where they rounded out the day with 18 nice blue claws.

From **Silly Lily Fishing Station**, Gary said fluking was good from Thursday through Saturday but was slow in Sunday's wind. Saturday saw many boats return with 20-30 keepers taken between buoys 31 and 39 in the Elbow. Fishing the flats north of buoy 38 Tony and Fred Beuth caught 27 fluke up to 3 lbs. on Saturday. Sand eels, spearing and squid as well as Salty Dogs have accounted for most catches with the best tide having been 3 hours on either side of high water.

Kim at **L&M Marine** described fluking on both sides of high tide good at the Elbow and in the west cut. On Saturday, Joe Arena and Rich Babst totalled 25 keepers to 3 lbs. using spearing and squid combos just outside of Hart's Cove. Also on Saturday, Fred, Steve and Michael Lubanski totalled 75 keepers up to 3 lbs. using squid and sand eels in the Elbow area. Snappers are now in heavy and Kim labelled the crabbing as good.

MASTIC BEACH

Very good crabbing continues from buoy 17 to the bridge, according to Bill of **Stiriz Fishing Station**. While Sunday was slow due to the strong winds, fishing was up to par with some boats returning with up a bushel

Nick Mancini and John and Matt Viol pose with 41 keeper fluke taken at buoy 41 on sand eel and squid combos. They fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

quite a few shorts mixed in. Lots of crabs and snappers spread all over the area.

OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sports CENTER** reported small weakfish being taken off of Heckscher behind the dredge boats. Fluke fishing appeared to have slowed a bit over the weekend but, in general, there is a good supply of the flatties around. A regular customer known as Chip checked in a catch of porgies and sea bass taken from somewhere in the bay. Among the catch were a dozen porgies in the 2-2½ lb. range. Sea bass ran from 1-1½ lbs. Dave weighed in a 28 lb. striper taken by an angler who wished to remain anonymous. Snappers and crabs along with an occasional weakfish being taken from the West Sayville dock. The weaks are being

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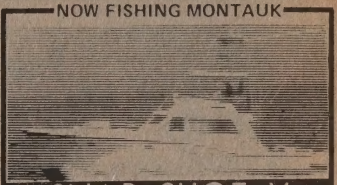
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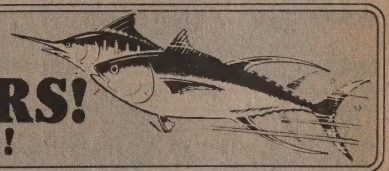
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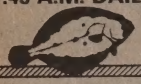

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of good sized blue claws. A few weaks from 1½ to 3 lbs. being taken by boatmen floating worms between buoy 19 and the bridge. Bill noted that the bay is well supplied with fluke but while an occasional 4 lber is taken the majority of the flatfish are shorts. Snappers now a good size and plentiful.

WEST SAYVILLE

From **South Bay Fishing Station** Vinnie said that weakfish are now being taken on a regular basis in mid bay and along the east line. Strips of squid or Salty Dogs with a clear tail have both been accounting for fish in the 1½ to 3 lb. size range. Fluke remain plentiful from buoy 17 to Ocean Beach although there are still taken on small live snappers. For freshwater fans, steady pick of small trout in Bubbles Falls.

EAST ISLIP

Mike of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** spoke of good fluking this past week from West Island to the inlet on sand eels, spearing, killies and squid. Best catch checked into the shop in recent days was made by George Scott, who fished the inlet area over the weekend with sand eels and squid. He and his crew totalled 36 keepers topped off by a nice 6 lber. Snappers in good supply at East Islip docks and Brookwood Hall Lake continues to produce a few largemouth bass. Todd Seaman had a 2 lber there this week.

BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokeys Bait and Tackle** said the best fluking seems to be concentrated between the Coast Guard Station and the inlet with combo baits of sand eels and squid or killies and squid working best. On Friday, Ed Quaranta aboard his 40 Watt landed an 8¼ lb. fluke as well as a 5 lb. weak fishing between the lighthouse and Coast Guard Station. Small weakfish being taken off of Heckscher behind the dredge boats on squid strips and red Jelly Worms. A few weaks at the Sore Thumb and bluefish being trolled on umbrella rigs. Al Randazzo weighed in a 25.2 lb. bass and a 13 lb. bluefish. Both were taken on live eels in the inlet area. Kingfish and small porgies being taken on clam and squid near buoy 2, East Islip. Local crabbing is super. Carl asked that we remind young and old alike that the Town of Islip sponsored snapper derby is being held this Saturday at the Bay Shore marina. Offshore, blues southwest of the inlet from 70' on out averaging 2-5 lbs. Carl knew that a big body of choppers were reported of Manasquan and moving this way. Marlin were seen as close as 70' last week and bonito, skipjack and a few bluefin tuna were trolled from 90' of water on out. Lots of tuna action out at the tower when weather permits.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** reported an excellent day with the fluke on Saturday. The skipper called it his best day of fluke fishing ever. Fishing was done between West Island and the lighthouse with spearing, sand eels and squid all producing fish in the 14" to 3 lb. category. Fishing was consistent all week long with the total catch for each day over 200 keepers.

CAPTREE

Captain Richie Westlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** labelled the fluking as very good from West Island down to the inlet. The boat enjoyed good action all week long and the skipper noted plenty of fish are still back in the bay and he expects the good fishing to last through September. The majority of the fish are now keepers with a good number of 3 lb. fish taken on Sunday. A few weaks up to 7 lbs. mixed in during the week on

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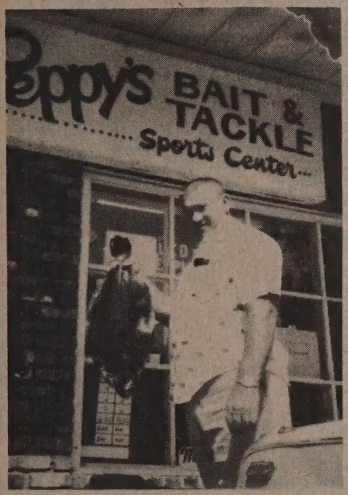

Bill Smith took this 9 lb. 2 oz. doormat fluke on a squid and killie combo in Fire Island Inlet. It was weighed at Peppy's Bait & Tackle.

killies near the lighthouse. On one day, 7 yellowfins came aboard.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** called the bluefishing this past week the most consistent of the season. A definite improvement, according to the captain. He described daytime action as fair to good and nights as excellent with the exception of Saturday. Fishing is being done from the NB buoy to Ambrose at night and from the JB tower to Cholera during the day. Fish are mixed sizes according to the spot and the day. Day fishing is all jigs while nighttime action is on bait.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** said fluke fishing remains quite good at West Island, the lighthouse and Kismet. Three-quarters of the fish being taken are keepers. Catches per day range anywhere from 150 to 300 keepers. Of the bluefishing, Captain Gordon noted a continued improvement and described action as good on most days. Friday night's fishing ranked among the best nights of the year with fishing being done south/southwest of the inlet from Cholera to the NB buoy. Size of the fish is varied from 2-15 lbs.. with most falling in the 3-7 lb. category.

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Captain George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported night bluefishing has been good with the exception of Saturday. Fishing is being done west of Choler and south of Ambrose and fish have ranged anywhere from 3-9 lbs. Day fishing has been hot and cold with fish being found anywhere from Jones inlet to the Rockaways. Night fishing definitely more consistent at this time according to the skipper.

The charter boat **Yankee III** said that on Friday night 170 blues from 8-12 lbs. were taken at Ambrose. The

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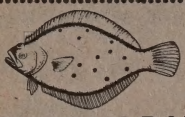

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pool was taken by Danny Sebvaggio of Ronkonkoma who had over 20 fish for the night. Fluke fishing has been terrific at East Island, West Island and the inlet on both tides. Sunday's charter totalled 150 keepers., Lots of medium size blowfish and a scattering of sea bass are mixed in with the fluke.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reports excellent fluking on all trips this past week. Fishing is being done from the wreck buoy to East Island with sand eels, spearing and squid. Bluefishing has improved with good action on most nights being found southwest of the inlet. Daytime action has been sporadic. Captain Neil phoned in a last minute report to let us know that Sunday night's fishing SW of the inlet was a slaughter.

BABYLON

Charter boat **Luci II** reported that a shark trip for IBM during the week resulted in a 130 lb. mako taken in 130' of water S.E. of Fire Island Inlet. A bay trip on Saturday for a party headed by Rob Barons saw plenty of fluke taken in the inlet on squid and sand eels. Largest was a 4 lber. An offshore trip was scrapped due to rough seas on Sunday so the party by Tim Ormsby spent the day picking away on fluke and sea bass. Action was not up to Saturday's pace however.

Ralph at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** said fluke fishing had been good through Friday but appeared to slow somewhat over the weekend. The Babylon Tuna Club held their annual fluke derby on Sunday. A youngster, Mark Gross, fishing aboard the Ciao took top honors with a fish just a shade under 3 lbs. Offshore fishing on the weekend was hindered by rough seas but some good scores were made on Friday. Fishing in the area of the Compass Rose Al Lorenzetti of the Skimmer took a 170 lb. bluefin tuna along with 6 yellowfins and albacore. The Straight Shooter fished the same area and took a wahoo along with six yellowfins. Out at the canyon, the boat Culligan Man had bigeye tuna of 190 and 180 lbs. as well as two yellowfins and a 40 lb. wahoo.

Captain Phil Nielsen of the **Pooka V** reported a good mixed bag of porgies, sea bass, fluke and blowfish for two charters this past week. The skipper has been fishing the West Island and Kismet area, with squid strips accounting for most of the action. Phil asked us to remind customers he still has a couple of choice weekend dates available for September.

LINDENHURST

Mike of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** spoke of a catch of 18 fluke to 4 lbs. made at buoys 6 and 7 by Ken Combs on Saturday. On Sunday, Artie and Pat Boza fished the State Channel near the Amityville cut with sand eels and totalled 14 fluke. Same day, Stan Weiner aboard his Honey Bee fished

the lighthouse and totalled 11 keeper fluke. Offshore on Sunday Dave Campo, Fred Espenchied and Jack Snow ran to 400' of water aboard the Nightingale and put away a 397 lb. tiger shark, 15 bluefin tuna and yellowfins of 61 and 66 lbs. All the tuna were taken on green machines. The crew also saw a blue marlin estimated at 600 lbs. The snapper fishing and crabbing remains in fine shape and Mike reminded that the shop's snapper derby for youngster will continue through August.

AMITYVILLE

George of **Combs Bait and Tackle** reported lots of tuna action at the Texas Tower and also a good shot of action in 150' of water with yellowfins. The weekend's activities were hindered by rough seas, however. Bluefishing on the outside has been spotty, while inside the bays fluking was good in the State Channel and a few big weakfish are being taken on live snappers at the 3rd Wantagh bridge. Most range from 7-10 lbs. and an occasional big bluefish butts in on the action as well. Some school bass being clam chummed in the State channel and crabbing has been very good on the flats during incoming water. Lots of snappers at all local docks.

AMITY HARBOR

The charter boat **Super Bee** reported a charter headed by Larry Lutz on Saturday resulted in 1 blue shark and 1 brown shark both around 100 lbs., tagged and released. A nice mako was hooked but lost. Fishing was done SE of Fire Island Inlet in 130' of water.

SEAFORD

Captain Brian of the open boat **Chinco** reported good fluke fishing on most days with catches running from 4-10 keepers a man. Pool winner on Monday's trip was John Jensen of Hauppauge with a 5¼ lb. fluke. Very few short fish taken this past week, noted the skipper.

John of **Pop's Fishing Station** called to report a mixed bag of fluke, weaks, small blues, crabs, snappers and sea bass being taken in the area. On Sunday, state police officer Mr. Hansen and two buddies had a fine mixed bag of fluke, sea bass and weakfish taken on squid strips in the drain leading to Squaw Island. On Friday, Ernie and Dotty Welsh and Patty and Jim Prockle totalled 21 keeper fluke fishing the entrance to Zachs Bay with killies. Ted IOve used spearing at Squaw Island to take 10 fluke one day during the week. Crabbing remains good on killie rings and plenty of snappers all over the place said John.

Marie at **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** reported lots of fluke action although many of the fish taken are shorts. She named Squaw Island, Haunts Creek, and Zachs Bay as a few of the more

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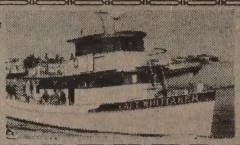

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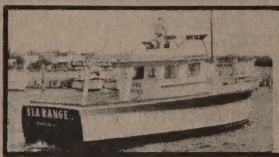

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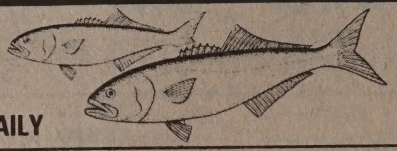

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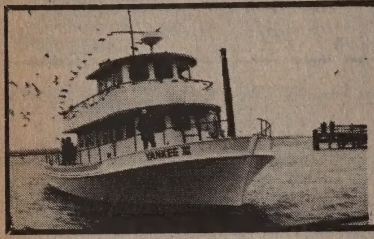

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productive spots. A few weakfish being taken on live snappers and sand worms at the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges. Of the bluefishing, Marie described it as picky with no solid fishing being found anywhere. Plenty of snappers around and crabbing has been holding up well.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** reported some bluefish outside the inlet in 40' of water being taken on jigs. Most range from 2-4 lbs. Weakfish on live snappers around the bridges and fluking has improved with more keepers now being taken. Fish are spread all through Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. Snappers and crabs both plentiful in the area.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

The **Capt Al** reports that on Friday night's trip 35 fares had 350 blues. Two schools were encountered: 5 to 6 pounders and 8 to 12 pounders, SW of buoy 4 and the skipper says night bluefishing is picking up. Wednesday's day trip was super with fish 5 to 12 lbs. on diamond jigs. On Sunday's day trip fishing the channels Don Jones of Levittown was high hook with 40 bluefish and 4 weakfish to 12 lbs. There were 30 weaks on the boat and one 8 lb. striper as well.

Capt Richie of the **Starstream II** says the fishing was very good on Sunday morning for blues, with action as fast as you wanted it but then it slowed down once the noon hour rolled around. On one day trip during the week, 70 passengers enjoyed a diamong jigging slaughter on bluefish up to 11 a.m. and then the fish went down for the day. The skipper says that the blues are feeding erratically, although the boat is catching fish everyday. Saturday was the slowest day of the week, probably due to the effects of the full moon. Friday night's trip was a slaughter on bluefish on bait and chum at the channels. When it's good it's very good says Richie. High hook for the week was 40 fish and the pool fish of the week hit the scale at 15 lbs.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** reports catching 2 to 6 lb. bluefish from Wednesday on. Best trip was Friday night with Capt Ed Geyer doing the honors. Over 300 blues were boated. Carmine Cessaro was high hook with 40 blues. Both the **BF II & III** ran to the west for blues to 6 lbs. They also caught large fluke on the fluke trips, with a 7 pounder (estimated) dropped when an

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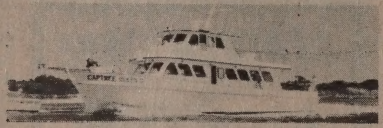

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over anxious angler tried to lift him into the boat without assistance of a net. Weakfish up to 10 lbs. have been jigged and also a 9 lb. striped bass. This is all while jigging blues. Friday's trip saw 50 blues caught, Saturday saw 70 caught and Sunday saw 52 choppers come over the rail.

Ronnie at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** reports Jeff Squires, Shannon III had a 41 lb. bull dolphin and 6 yellowfin tuna at the Noah Buoy Sunday on green machines. Tony Froitzheim on Misty scored with 600 lbs. of yellowfin tuna and 200 lbs. of longfin albacore fishing just east of the Texas Tower Saturday. Green machines and rigged eels scored. A few larger fluke are being caught on killies and squid and a few more flounder are now being taken in the deep holes at the Meadowbrook Bridge area and the Coast Guard Station with some small porgies and sea bass also falling victim to worm and clam bait. Lots of weaks and blues at the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridge on live snapper and live bunker on sand worms at night. A few bass on trolled umbrellas early mornings and in the evenings at Jone's Inlet and Meadowbrook Bridge area, black and red tubes working best.

The **Capt Gary** called to report Saturday's trip for Felix Remer and group had good fluking in the morning. Harvey Freund took the pool with a 3 lb. fluke. High hook was George Meyers with 7 keepers, fishing Long Creek, Reynold's and Jone's Inlet. Sunday was a very slow fluke pick for a charter from Herder Lodge.

Capt Pat on the charterboat **Lady J III** reports Monday's charter for the Oak Rock Fishing Lodge of NJ had 20 keeper fluke at the Inlet along with loads of small sea robins. Wednesday's trip for the Xerox Corp., LI office, had a good load of bluefish, 200 in a little over 1 hour for 14 people on diamond jigs fishing east of Ambrose. Fish were in the 3 to 5 lb. range. Thursday's trip for Marty Hersch of Forest Electric enjoyed a fair pick of blues in the Ambrose area. Friday's charter for Columbia Mechanical Corp of NJ had good bluefishing at the channels on jigs. Saturday saw fair blues on jigs for the Black Rock Rod and Gun Club of Cornwall NY working Deb's and off Long Beach. Sunday's trip for a Texaco group enjoyed fair bluefishing on diamond jigs at the channels.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports the **Super Spray II** on it's twice a day fluke trips seems to be catching more keepers now working Reynold's Channel and Jone's Inlet. Pool fish are from 4½ to 6½ pounders on sandeels, squid and striped baits. The night bluefishing trips on the **SS II** are generally good working west of Ambrose to south of buoy 4. The Christie Lee and the Fisherman have been working from the Noah Buoy to the Texas Tower for yellowfin tuna averaging 80 lbs. They're also getting

bluefin and longfin tuna on jetheads and feathers. The bluefishing boats are working to the west, namely buoy 4 through Ambrose on diamond jigs catching blues from 4 to 12 lbs. with weakfish mixed in. The Association boats that are fluking are doing it over at the channels and catching generally larger fluke.

The **Capt Lou Fleet** called to say that their big fish of the week was an 11 lb. fluke caught Friday aboard the **CL III** (full day boat) by Merrick angler Ben Strum. Mike reports very good fishing Thursday and Friday in the channels. He says weather permitting he will continue to that very productive area. The **CL IV** fishing two half trips daily, has also been enjoying decent fluke catches with still a large number of throwbacks coming over the rail. Please note that this Friday, August 21st, all tickets are sold out on the **Capt Lou III**

Capt Dave on the charterboat **The Rogue** reports that Sunday at the HA a 100 lb. plus dusky was taken along with 12 8 to 10 lb. bluefish trolled up on red umbrellas. Watch the boat's ad next week in these pages for special offer.

Capt Bill of the charterboat **Ivory Queen** called to report that Saturday's trip for Don Flareau and party of Deer Park had an 80 lb. mako and also trolled skippies on the way home. They also hooked but dropped one big tuna, fishing the Texas Tower area.

Anthony's Fishing Station says his rentals are bringing back some fluke amongst the short fish with best areas being Fundy Bay and the are from High Flats Drain to Guy Lombardo's and also Merrick Bay. Live killies and squid seem to be a winning combo. Plenty of snappers on small tins and shiners on a float. Blueclaw crabs in all the creeks, at all the pilings and shoal areas. Some weaks at the bridges on sandworms and live bunker. A few blackfish at the bridges on green crab or clam.

Captain Walt Scott's Freeport Charter Service, Acme II, reports fair fluking at the Inlet for Ted Ornstein and group and also for the Marty Kaplan group. Still many throwbacks. The Chuck McGovern charter had

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POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station says that the better catches of the week were made Thursday and Friday in the Flats. Two Jersey anglers on Sunday had 32 keeper fluke while a father and son team also fishing the Flats had 30 keepers between them fishing live killies and squid. North Channel off Buoy 17 produced keeper fluke also. Some small sea bass and porgies being taken around the Meadowbrook Bridge on high and low slack on clam and worm. Lots of blueclaw crabs around.

Capt Dennis of the charterboat **Marie III** reports Wednesday night's trip for Woolchester Pub, Rockville Centre fished the NB on bait and had a fair catch of blues, 3 to 5 a man in the 2 to 5 lb. range. Friday night's trip for the East Meadow Fire Dept. fished 3 miles SE of Ambrose and had excellent bluefishing with fish 3 to 7 lbs. on butters and chum. Saturday's day trip for the Square D Co. enjoyed a good pick the last two hours of the day on jigs off Playland. Sunday's fluke charter for Center Fishing Club worked buoy 17, Reynold's, and Cinder Creek in the morning and off Gilgo and Tobay in the State Channel in the afternoon for a 50 percent keeper ratio of 1 to 4 lb. keeper fluke per man. Six fish was high hook for the day. Dennis says he has several Friday nights open for bluefishing for September.

BALDWIN

Mike at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports blueclaw crabbing is from good to great in Middle Bay and local creeks. Snappers too are really jumping. Customers from the marina are bringing back fluke up to 4¾ lbs. from the Tin Can Grounds, catching on live killies and fluke belly. One skiff customer brought back 20 sand porgies from the Meadowbrook Bridge. Blues are being umbrellaed in 50' of water off the Pink Hotel.

ISLAND PARK

Capt Clem of the **Commodore** has been fishing the channels all this past week with tides and winds determining when the better catches would be had. Some large fluke being picked at the Tin Can in the 8 to 10 lb. range said Clem. He advises that now is the time to catch yourself a doormat fluke. Sunday's ground swell put the action down a little. Six accidental bluefish were caught on Sunday. Generally, the boat has had from mediocre to very good fluking this week and the skipper says the area is loaded with sandeels.

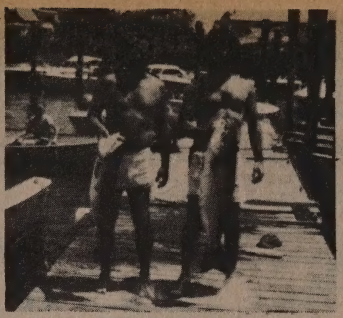
Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook advises that Michael Gruber, age 9, of Elmont bagged an 8 lb. fluke on his Dad's boat Westwind Monday on a live snapper fishing Deb's Inlet.

Mike's dad had a 9¾ pounder the week before. Ken and Audrey Temper of Rosedale fished Jone's Inlet Friday and Saturday. Friday they had 17 weaks from 5 to 11 lbs. and 6 blues 4 to 12 lbs. Saturday they racked up 6 weakfish and 12 blues. This was all on live snapper and bunker and also casting with striped tigertails on the bottom during the day. Loads of snappers and blueclaw crabs around. Try Woodmere Park and Bay County Park for the crabs and also try the Jone's Beach piers for some flounders.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ronnie Lepper of the charterboat **Kim** reports that all of his bluefish trips are scoring with big blues from 5 to 15 lbs. fishing all around Ambrose. He is also working the Rockaways for 3 to 5 lb. fish. Umbrellas are the key. Weaks and bass up to 15 lbs. at the Tin Can while anchored and casting S&G tigertails. Two to 4 lb. blues all around the channels, also on umbrellas. All this is in 60 to 100' of water.

Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** tells of 2 to 5 lb. stripers at the Old Atlantic Beach Bridge on clam bellies in the early morning hours. Two to 5 lb. bass also off Silver Point jetty on tin both day and night. Fred Hill on his boat Four Queens fishing the Tin Can had weaks and fluke on Saturday all on live killies. The fluke ran up to 6 lbs. 12 oz. Aboard the Marlena fishing Hudson Canyon Friday night through Saturday, Marty Feuer, Dr. Trussel, Richie DeMott, Mal Behl, Jeff and Mike Eisenburg and Kevin Budd drifted at night and on a squid Jeff Eisenburg hooked and landed a 145 lb. swordfish. On Saturday Kevin Budd on a green machine accounted for a 45 lb. white marlin. Three yellowfin tuna to 75 lbs. and 2 longfin albacore to 51 lbs. were trolled on green machines. The Tin Can has been having the best fluking but there are also some being taken around the Silver Point jetty.



Bernie Haag and John Stein of Long Beach Sports Marina with a pair of stripers that weighed in at 20 and 31 lbs. respectively.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina says it's been blues, fluke, blacks and weaks this week. Frank and Don Durando had a good catch of fluke at the Tin Can to 7 lbs. this week on spearing. Sammy Salem had 2 terrific days at Duck Point. He had 29 keeper fluke Thursday and 32 keepers on Friday fishing live killies and bunker chum. John, Tara and Matt Rogers worked the Atlantic Beach Bridge Friday and had a 13 lb. blue and also dropping 3 blue bruisers all on live bunker. Weaks and blues under the bunker schools at first light in Reynold's Channel. It's the Tin Can for trollers and jiggers in 60' of water off Long Beach for these blues and weaks also. John Stein and Frank Cullington had weakfish at the Tin Can up to 9 lbs. trolling umbrellas or casting S&G tigertails. A few nice blackfish at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on fiddlers for John Messina and Mike Christy. They had 15 blacks up to 15 lbs. Snappers and blueclaw crabs are all over the place.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

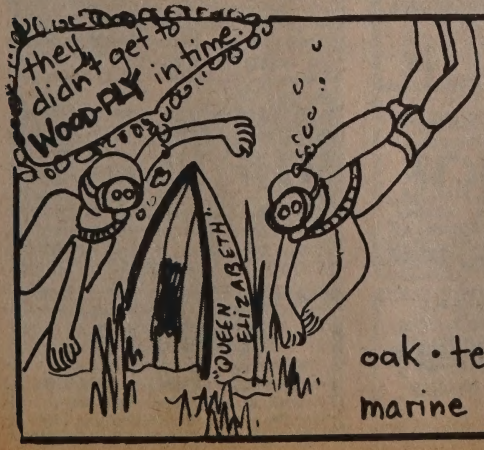
Capt Jack Michaels of the **America** reports a super Sunday's fluking at some of his pet hot spots offshore for "animals". Al Glangrande had 10 fluke including a 6 pounder and a 7 pounder. Mike Dillon hoisted 8 fluke, all keepers including a 6½ pounder and a 9½ pounder. Frank Proto scored with a 7 lb. fluke, his biggest ever. John Grossman tipped the scales with a 15 lb. 5 oz. animal fluke. Mitch Dedes bagged a 7 pounder. The skipper says there were loads of 4 to 5 lb. fluke taken. This was all on fish belly, spearing and squid.

Jimmy at **Stella Maris Bait & Tackle** tells of lots of blues being taken at night but the trips are hot and cold, up and down, etc. This describes the day fishing as well. Hot spots are Norton's Point for larger fish, Ambrose Channel, south of Ambrose and the Tin Can. Two to 5 lb. fish seem to be the order of the day with boats jigging daytime and baiting at night. Good fluking off Reis Park, Tin Can, Coney Island and Sea Gate. Some weaks mixed in with the bluefish. Snappers, porgies and flounders being caught off the piers at Jamaica Bay, Cross Bay and Sheepshead Bay. A few stripers being caught at night on worms, drifting on the bottom.

The **Elsie K III** reports a good week of fluking in the channels, fish running 3 to 7 lbs. with almost no throwbacks whatsoever.

The **Dorothy B** also has been having a good fluke week with fish 3 to 7 lbs. in the channels. This has been on spearing, sandeels and fish belly.

The **Flamingo III** reports that the bluefishing has been very erratic from day to day and from night to night. It's been jigging daytime and baiting at night. Tuesday was good as was Wednesday and Thursday, but Friday was just fair. Sunday saw good action at the Belmar Inlet. The night boats did very well on the weekend with some of them totalling scores of 15 to 20 fish a man SE of Ambrose. There are blues at buoy 4 and at the Playland area without a doubt but they are not feeding steadily. Hope-



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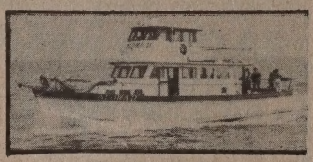

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Capt Butch of the **Zephyr** reports that on Saturday a 14 lb. fluke was caught by passenger Brian Riley of Queens NY. A 9 lb. fluke was hoisted by Ken Lai of Manhattan. The boat has been having excellent fluking all week says Butch, with pool fish running 8 to 14 lbs. Brian's fished was weighed in on a certified scale at **Stella Maris**. Thursday saw 12 fluke caught in the 8 to 10 lb. range and the figures were even bigger on Saturday's trip. The skipper has been fishing the Tin Can on hard bottom and mussel bottom. Catches were tougher Sunday with the heave. Spearing, sandeels and fluke belly have been the ticket.

Guy DiBlasio called to say that on Friday he scored with a 10 lb. fluke fishing at the can. Guy says a lot of 3 to 5 pounders are being caught daily. In the late afternoon a lot of 6 to 10 lb. weakfish are being taken in Chapel Hill Channel on jelly worm/sand worm combos. Some big bass off the Rockaways on live bunker in the early morning hours between the Shoal Buoy and the jetty. Some big blues up the rivers.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** reports that in the surf sand porgies and snappers are in abundance from piers 8, 10, 12 and 17 through the VZ Bridge up to Tottenville. This is on clam and worm. From the Bergen Ave. storm sewers and New Dorp Jetty there is a 50 percent keeper ratio on fluke on squid and fish belly and sandeels. Bass, blues and weaks from the beaches have been picky. Great Kills Harbor is still a reasonable bet for weakfish though less so than last week. Lenny had 7 blues up to 12 lbs. drifting worms 1½' off the bottom. There is a 10 percent keeper fluke ratio in Great Kills Harbor. Outside of Great Kills Harbor at the Old Stone Barge, cocktail blues are being caught on bait and on tin. Weaks are being trolled at the Old Orchard Lighthouse on red and green single tubes. Also try Mt. Loretta, buoy 35 and 46 with sand worms 2' off the bottom. These are 6 to 8 lb. weaks. A few jumbo blues at can 21 at the VZ bridge. The blueclaw crabs are a good item in Great Kills Harbor with big crabs at Stapleton Pier.

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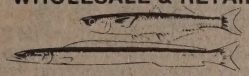

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slowed, reversed its direction, and headed back for the boat. For several heart-stopping seconds, the battle became a stalemate, then Charlie gained control and nursed the fish back up again. This time when it came into view, it no longer had the energy for a second run. The exhausted fluke lay on the surface, undulating slowly in the wash of the boat.

Artie leaned over the rail. "No net for this one, Al. I'll gaff it. Stand clear, fellers." He neatly impaled the fluke through the head. Over the rail it came.

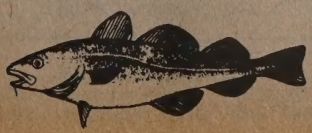
"Phew!" Artie exclaimed, shaking the fish from the gaff. "Congratulations, Charlie. That's some fluke! The best in a long time."

"The biggest I ever caught," Charlie admitted. "Didn't I tell you guys I was waiting for a doormat. Thought I was kidding, huh?"

We continued to fish, making several drifts in the same area, hoping that perhaps one of us would hook into another doormat. But as Artie said later, it was a bit too much to expect. When we weighed the fluke back at the dock, it proved to be a shade over ten pounds.

So, that's the story of the ten pounder. Larger fluke are caught each summer, I know, but this was the best we'd been able to come up with in quite some time. I put it this way so that Mr. Reed need not be discouraged should he write me again. I've always felt that for us fellows, the largest fluke is still down there waiting to be caught.

Now I hope Mr. Reed goes out there and proves I'm right.



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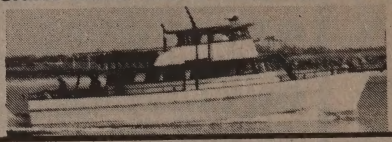

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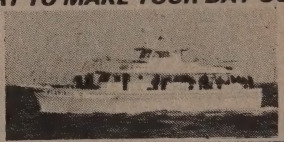

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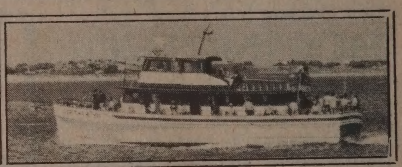

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North Shore Report

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NEW ROCHELLE

John Palmieri at **John's Gun & Tackle** told us that there were few changes from last week's report. There are a lot of blues now, and Wednesday night last was excellent around Mamaroneck with wire lines and umbrellas pulling fish in 8-10 lb. sizes. Weaks are outside New Rochelle Harbor, snappers are all over, and there are plenty of porgies as well.

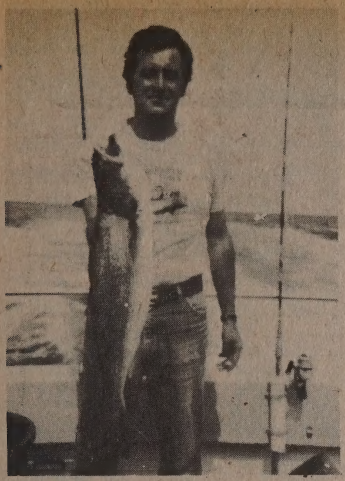
CITY ISLAND

Greg Warner at **City Island Bait and Tackle** saw action that wasn't "too spectacular" last week. A few blues to teen sizes plus a few bass were scattered, and fishing with live bunker in the Cuban's Ledge area was productive. Porgy fishing locally was only "so-so." A "typical August lull" was Warner's description.

Captain Dom of the **Apache** described his boat's travels for porgies. The best area was Stony Brook, a three hour ride that was often rewarded with humpbacks over 1½ lbs. plus a few to 2 lbs. Most of his work was in the Smithtown Bay area, around Asharoken, and off Lloyds, where ½ to 3/4 lb. fish were plentiful. Pool winners were usually blackfish in the 4-5 lb. class or occasional fluke.

GLEN COVE

Dave Watt reported from the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** that the Annual



Bob Perfetti took this nice weak on the City Island open boat, "Ebb Tide III."

Snapper Derby last Saturday came at a perfect time with snappers everywhere. Umbrellas were pulling blues and weaks from the Piping Rock Beach area, but bass fishing thru Saturday had been very slow. Porgies were holding up with a few flounder thrown in.

HUNTINGTON

At **Four Winds Bait & Tackle,** George Valentine spoke of a lull this week with picky morning fishing and one good Friday night. Still, there were a lot of small blues and some 5-10 lb. weaks taken by those who used diamond jigs and tiger tails, the latter on slower water. Bass to 20 lbs. were hauled on some afternoons by wire line fishing with bucktails, and one porgy catch off Crab Meadow was most impressive. Scup were 1/2 to 3/4 lb. fish, but there were a few 1¼ lbers. in a catch of 400. Four to eight fluke were the norm with a lot of 3 and 4 lbers. on spearing and squid and an occasional 8-10 lber. on a tiger tail.

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** told us that Frank Cavanaugh scored with an 11 lb. fluke on a bucktail and that John Mono, Jr., had pulled 26 small bass trolling worms. Snappers made it tough for worm trollers, however, until they finally located a school of bass. Porgy action is scattered because of local blues, but Ferraro has weighed a few porgies in the 2½ to 3 lb. range.

Nona Collins spoke of pretty good night fishing on the **Ever Ready**, but said that the daytime action had slowed somewhat. Bad weather and bad forecasts hadn't helped. Billy Collins spelled Packy when the latter took a few days' "holiday" at the Point last week.

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Tom **Bowman's** advice was to try

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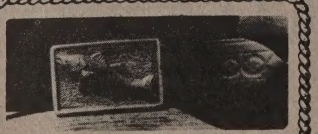

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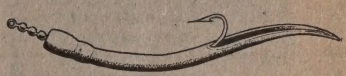

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Seven-year-old Chris Ferraro with a 9 lb. striper he caught while worm-trolling with John Munno at Marshall Fields. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait & Tackle.

Lloyds further west now that the Triangle had slowed on the weaks. Personal fishing by Bowman was productive with blues in 2-3 lb. sizes all over. Afternoon action last Wednesday was excellent on poppers and Rebels in the Sunken Meadow and Brickyard areas on fish to 5 lbs.

KINGS PARK

At the **O.K. Bait and Tackle** the Koliners mentioned good catches of bluefish to 5 lbs. in the River with an occasional larger chopper to 10. Sal, Sophie, and Paul Bruno scored with a haul of 20 last week. Porgy fishing was pretty good with snappers all over. The few weaks that are taken at dawn, dusk and in the dark with Rebels are all nice fish.

PORT JEFFERSON

Candy Caraftis at athe **Caraftis Fishing Station** was happy about the plentiful porgies off Oldfield. Average sizes pushed 1 lb. with a few scup over 1½. Blues in the 3-6 lb. range could be jigged or trolled off Buoy 11. Fluking was still pretty good with average sizes to 3 lbs. and not many shorts. Squid-sand eel combos were the ticket off the White Beach Cabanas within 200' of shore.

John Fisher on the **Aqua-Gem** saw a lot of blues last week off Cedar Beach east to Rocky Point in 40-60' of water. Diamond jigs scored 5-20 fish per man per day. Some smaller blues of 1-2 lbs. were mixed with the 3-4 lbers and an occasional 5-8 lb. green bonito came aboard, too.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** said that there were a lot of fluke in the buoy 11 to buoy 9 zone in water depths from 10' to 25'. One pool fish

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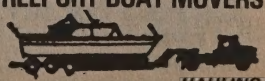
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North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

Porgies from beach and boat were in the report from Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center**. The blues in the area between Buoy 5 and the Beachcomber as well as 1½ miles northeast of Horton's were all 3-5 lb. stuff, and the Mattituck Inlet fuke are mostly shorts.

MATTITUCK

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that the good fishing of last week continues with porgies as large as 2 lbs. showing up in catches on either side of the Inlet. A few weaks in the 3-4 lb. range plus a few sea bass were mixed in.

NEW SUFFOLK

Newt Robbins at **Captain Jim's** was looking at pretty good porgy fishing in the Bay with fish sizes ½ to ¾ lbs. and 1 lb. fish the tops. Buoy 22 and the Tower were favorite zones and there were more blowfish than weakfish in catches from that station.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** saw some summer weakfish catches up to 20 fish. Off buoys 22, 23, and 28, any kind of chum coupled with worms and skimmer bait will produce "plenty of porgies." Weaks can generally be found between the White House and the Tower or the Sandslide. On Sunday Bernier, Ed Rodriques, Luise Vargas and Raymond Rosado of Manhattan used worms, skimmer clam and chum to catch 400 porgies at South Race.

SOUTHOLD

Ace Cottral told us that porgy fishing was pretty good right now in Petty's Bight but that fluking action had dropped dead in the Bight and in nearby Truman's. Thursday saw few fish taken on the Orient Shoal and there was little improvement over the weekend. The station weighed on 46½ lb. bass this week from Plum Gut on a live eel. The Ruins were still loaded with short fluke and produced no decent catches of big fish. Happily, there were still 1½ to 2 lb.. flounder on the south side of Orient Point with a few blackfish around the Light. Porgies around buoys 16 and 17 in the Bay as well as those off South Ferry

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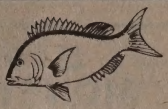

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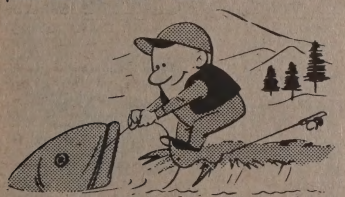
were a little smaller than those in the Sound.

GREENPORT

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** advised that the open porgy boats, **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** were doing very, very well on porgies now. The boats have been spied plying their trade south of Plum Island. White feels that the best bluefishing is in Pigeon Rip.

Richie Jensen has been mixing catches of blues, fluke and porgies on the **Nancy Ann**. In Sunday's blow, Jensen trolled and jigged some 160 blues to 4 lbs. on the Connecticut side of the Sound. Early last week, Pigeon Rip produced blues to 8 lbs., and a couple of bass in the 10-15 lb. range came out of the Gut. Fluking was erratic on moon tides.

Anna Rainis told us that the **Blue Albatross**, Greenport's open fluke boat, was looking towards a better week after reports of an upswing in action Saturday. On the Wednesday trip, 8 year old Dave Hunstein of Mineola was lucky enough to win the pool with a 4 lb. fluke.



South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** says that fluking in Shinnecock Bay is still very good with fish up to 6 lbs., still averaging 1½ to 2 lbs. Best areas have been Shinnecock Bay and West Channel and East Channel, with sandeels and squid working well on both the ebb and the flood. Flounders on the west side of the Ponquogue Bridge and at the Basket on worms. Porgies from ½ to 1 lbs. in the Peconics outside Lilly Pond and Rose's Grove on worms. Weakfish picky up to 4 and 5 pounders being caught. Shinnecock Bay and the Peconics both have scattered bluefish. Snappers all over the place with Shinnecock Canal giving up a little bit of everything. There are also porgies working off Long Beach on clam and worm.

The **Capt Clark II** tells of good porgy action this past week in Peconic Bay. Fish are ¾ to 1 lb. on sand with sand worms best.

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Fluke to 6½ lbs., weaks to 7 and one bluefish taken off Truman Beach by Dennis Emerson, Tim Fredette, Fred Gaines and Glenn Schwartz. Photo courtesy Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** tells us that on Friday Ara and Laura Shimshidian of Westchester and friend Eric Schultheis fishing from buoy 16 to the Monastery had 3 good keeper fluke, 2 weakfish to 5½ lbs., a bucket of porgies, a mess of large snappers. This was all on squid bait. Helen says a good number of fluke have been caught this week as well as a good number of weakfish and blowfish just outside the channel.

SAG HARBOR

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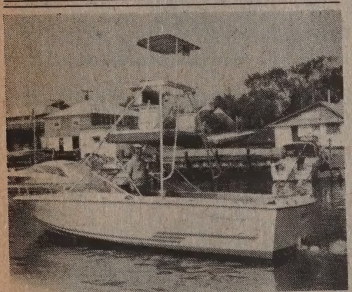

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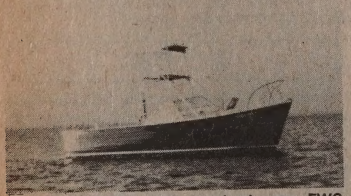

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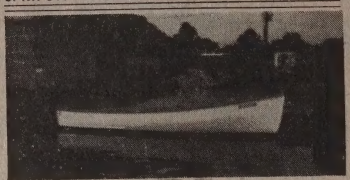

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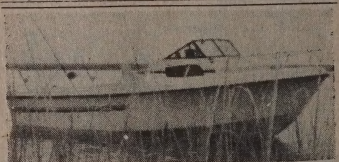

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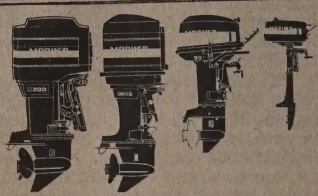

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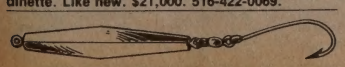

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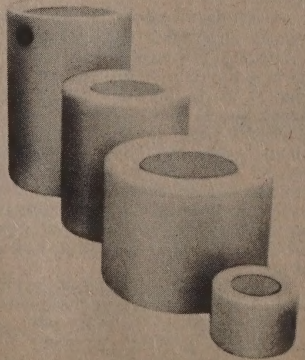

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worms and clam. Wednesday saw Joel Sandford of Brooklyn high hook with 52 porgies and 4 weakfish. Also pool winner with a 2½ lb. weak. The summer run of weaks continues to improve daily up to 4 lbs. with the boat averaging 35 to 40 weaks per day south of Plum Island. Friday, Saturday and Sunday fishing fell off somewhat due to the effects of the full moon. The fish were there...they just were not feeding. The fluke picture on the **Wilhelric** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday saw good results off Truman Beach with the catches averaging 4 to 12 keepers a man and pool fish running in the 6 lb. class. On Wednesday's trip Mike Pinto, Chairman of Electricians Local 3 (retired), Bronx, was pool winner with an 8 lb. 4 oz. fluke taken on sea robin belly.

Charterboat **Sundance** reports that umbrella rigs fished at the Gardiner's Bay area did a fair job during the full moon on bass in the 12½ lb. range. Some blues were also taken. Fluke and porgies were obliging on squid and clam bait in the same area. Offshore, very good catches of tuna, albacore, bonito and yellowfin tuna are being made with a couple of bluefin tuna from 25 to 70 lbs. being caught.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Surf fishing around the Island remained quiet despite the weekend's full moon. Whatever positive effect the moon would have had was negated by Saturday and Sunday's wind.

If one wants to look for a ray of hope for the upcoming week, chilly, northwest breezes which swept through early in the week may spur some kind of activity somewhere. As to where, your guess is as good as mine.

Along the western South Shore, reports have been hard to come by although there have been rumors of some action on the Breezy Pt. jetty. East of there, Bernie Haag of **Long Beach Sports Marina** knew that John Charisma and Louis Martini had taken weaks to 11 lbs. and bass of 13 and 17 lbs. from an Atlantic Beach rockpile one morning this week. They used bunker chunks. Bernie also had secondhand reports of a few weaks taken on tin from the sand at Atlantic Beach.

From **The Store** at Oak Beach, Hays knew of a few weaks being taken from "The Thumb" in the early AM, but said action is erratic at best. Only decent bass weighed in recently was a 44 lb. 6 oz. fish taken on a bunker chunk at Gilgo by a caster named Phil.

Bob Gruber with an 8 lb. weakfish taken from the Fire Island surf on a Kastmaster. Subscriber photo.

A few weaks and small blues scattered along the beach at Moriches but generally very slow said Dick of **Dick's Bait and Tackle** in Mastic Beach. Walt McCloughlin scored again with a pair of weaks on Tuesday at Smith's Point. He used sand worms. No bass news to speak of despite the full moon.

Out in Montauk, things were not much different although the Point is well supplied with bait, both up front and at Shagwong. John, of **Johnny's Tackle Shop,** was hopeful that Sunday and Monday's north winds would stir something up. Boats had some weaks and blues close to the beach near "the coconuts" during the week.

On the North Shore, negative reports came from both **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** in Huntington and **Rocky Point Fishing Stop.**

The only positive report was filed by Dick **Dicks Sporting Goods** in Mt. Sinai. Lots of blues to 5 lbs. continues to occupy casters, Miller Place and Sound Beach. Tins in the early morning or evening, work best. An occasional weak or bass is mixed in as well. Bonito up to 8 lbs. butted in on the scene this week and treated several casters, including Dick, to same spicy action.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	–	12:10	12:20	12:50	12:15	12:55	1:10	1:40	2:50	3:15	3:05	3:25	–	12:10	8/20
FRI.	12:35	1:05	1:10	1:50	1:10	1:45	2:10	2:40	3:45	4:10	3:55	4:25	12:30	1:05	8/21
SAT.	1:30	2:05	2:05	2:50	2:05	2:45	3:10	3:40	4:45	5:15	4:55	5:25	1:30	2:05	8/22
SUN.	2:30	3:05	3:15	3:55	3:05	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:55	6:25	6:00	6:30	2:35	3:10	8/23
MON.	3:40	4:15	4:25	5:05	4:15	4:50	5:25	5:50	7:35	8:00	7:10	7:35	3:40	4:10	8/24
TUE.	4:50	5:20	5:30	6:05	5:25	5:55	6:30	6:50	8:55	9:20	8:15	8:40	4:40	5:15	8/25
WED.	5:55	6:20	6:35	7:05	6:30	6:55	7:30	7:50	10:00	10:20	9:15	9:40	5:40	6:10	8/26
THUR.	6:50	7:10	7:35	8:00	7:30	7:50	8:20	8:40	10:50	11:15	10:15	10:35	6:35	7:00	8/27

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

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Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

8/21	6:14	7:51
8/22	6:15	7:50
8/23	6:16	7:48
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/25	6:18	7:45
8/26	6:19	7:43
8/27	6:20	7:42

Moonrise/Moonset

8/21	11:34PM	12:39PM
8/22	—	1:49PM
8/23	12:15AM	2:58PM
8/24	1:01AM	4:03PM
8/25	1:54AM	5:03PM
8/26	2:53AM	5:55PM
8/27	3:57AM	6:41PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/29	8/7	8/15	8/22

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The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:45	3:35	10:15	4:00
Fri.	10:45	4:35	11:15	5:00
Sat.	11:40	5:30	—	5:55
Sun.	12:10	6:20	12:30	6:50
Mon.	1:05	7:15	1:25	7:45
Tues.	2:00	8:10	2:20	8:35
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Thurs.	3:45	9:55	4:05	10:20

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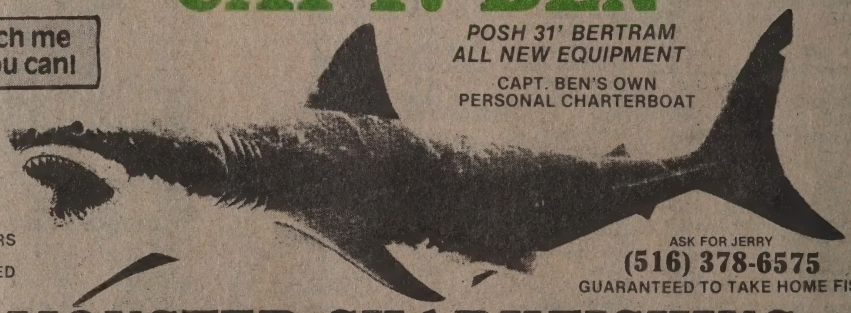

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